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DISASTER!"

# Care Bears

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JUST ASK US TO  
GET OUT OF THE  
WAY?



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(GUESS WHO'S  
COMIN' TO  
BREAKFAST--!)





# The Care Bears

IN THE GREAT  
**COMPUTER  
DISASTER!**

BEING IS A WONDERFUL, OLD-FASHIONED  
FEELING THAT IS STILL AROUND TODAY AND  
WILL ALWAYS BE... EVERYWHERE!  
ESPECIALLY WAY UP IN THE CLOUDS IN  
CARE-A-LOT, THE SOFT AND MAGICAL  
HOME OF THE

## Care Bears

WOW! BIRTHDAY  
BEAR, A COMPUTER  
FOR CARE-A-LOT?!

RIGHT, TENDERHEART!  
WE JUST LOOK IN THE  
TELESCOPE TO FIND A  
BIRTHDAY CHILD! THE  
COMPUTER DOES THE  
REST!

ALL HE HAS TO DO,  
FRIEND BEAR, IS  
PRESS "RETURN"!

TEE-HEE!  
GUESS THAT'S  
WHY WE SAY  
"MANY HAPPY  
RETURNS!"

CHILD  
LOCATION  
DELIVER CAKE?  
YES — NO —

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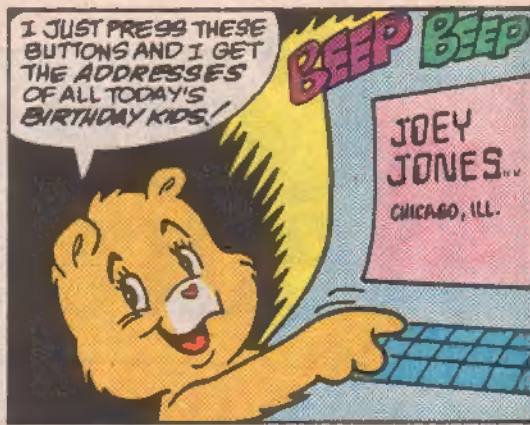
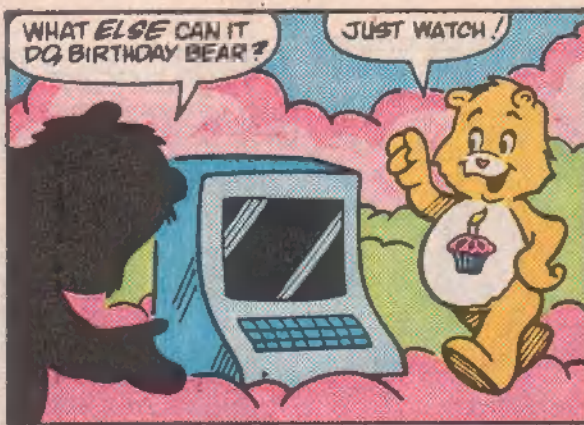
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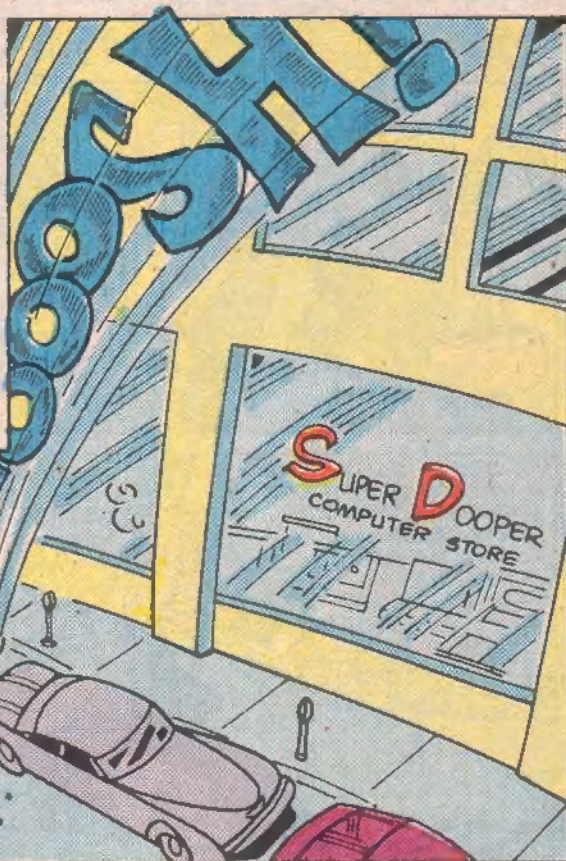
**SOON...**

THERE'S THE TOWN!  
CHEER BEAR! I HOPE  
WE CAN FIND A COM-  
PUTER STORE!

I SAW ONE,  
BUT THE PARKING  
SURE LOOKS TOUGH,  
BIRTHDAY BEAR!

LEAVE IT TO ME,  
CHEER BEAR!

HANG ON!



**WHAM!**

WOW! I'VE HEARD  
OF PARALLEL PARKING...  
BUT VERTICAL PARKING?!

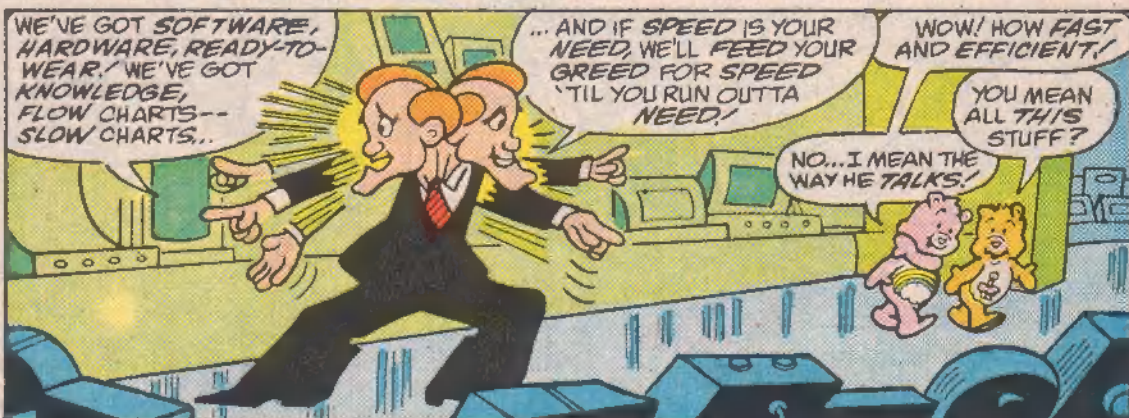
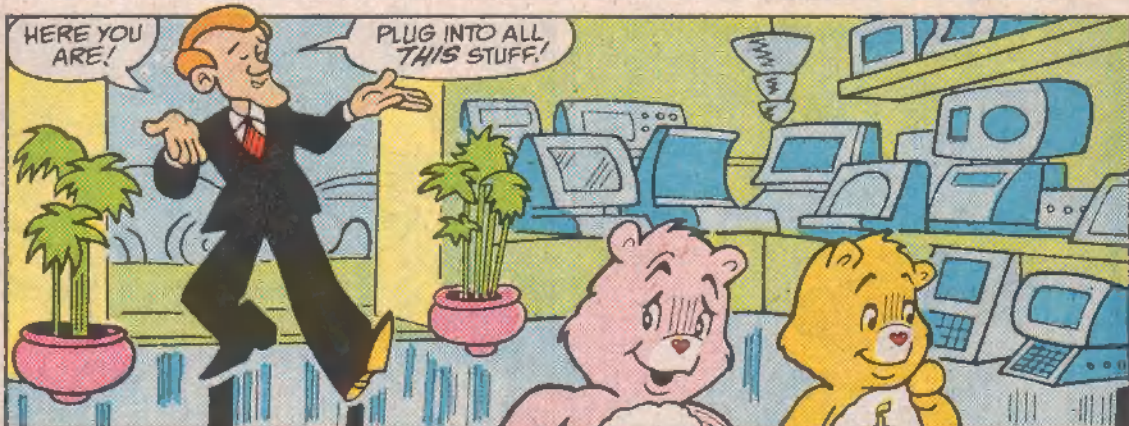
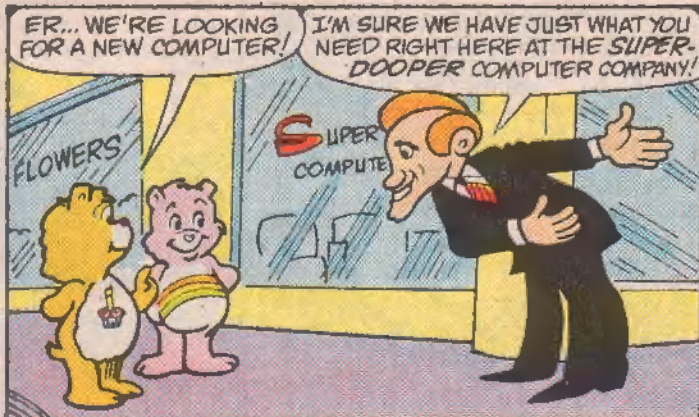
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LOOK AT ALL THOSE  
COMPUTERS! HOW WILL  
WE KNOW WHICH ONE  
TO GET?

CAN I  
HELP  
YOU?

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# FREE THE CAP'N MYSTERY



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BAD BREAK-  
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**DAILY BUGLE**

**CAP'N CRUNCH CAPTURED  
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**SOGGIES MAY RULE!**

WHILE SOMEWHERE  
IN SOGLAND...



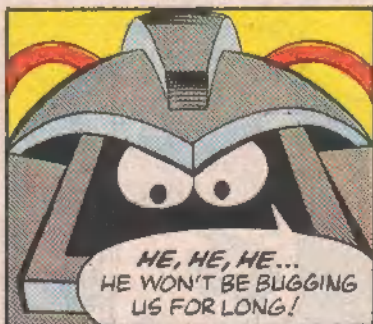
YUK! NO SOLID  
EVIDENCE HERE...  
BUT I SUSPECT THE  
CAP'N'S NEARBY.

MEANWHILE, ON A HILLSLOP...



YIKES!

IT'S SPIDER-MAN,  
SOGMASTER!



HE, HE, HE...  
HE WON'T BE BUGGING  
US FOR LONG!

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HE, HE, HE...  
MY GIANT FLY  
SPLOTTER WILL  
FINISH THAT  
PEST!

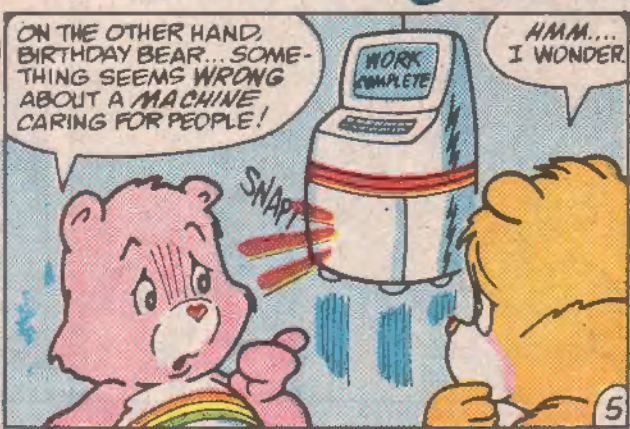
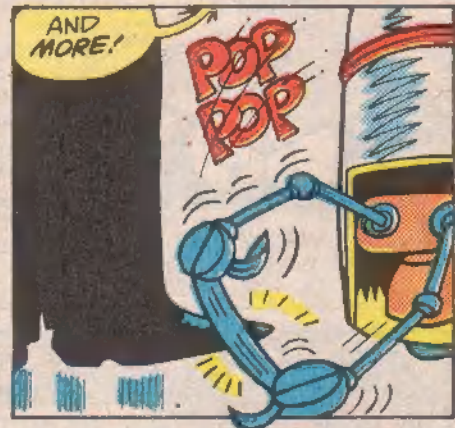
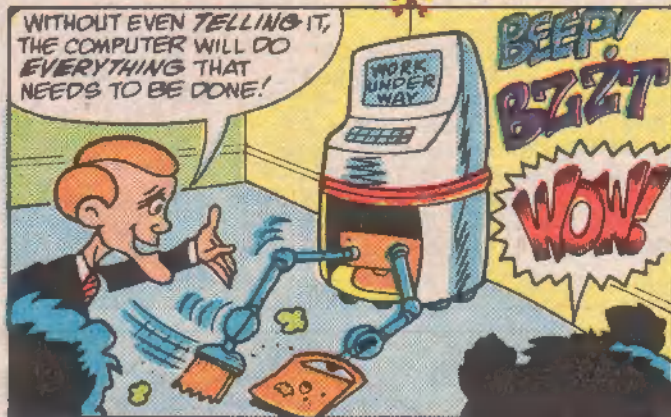
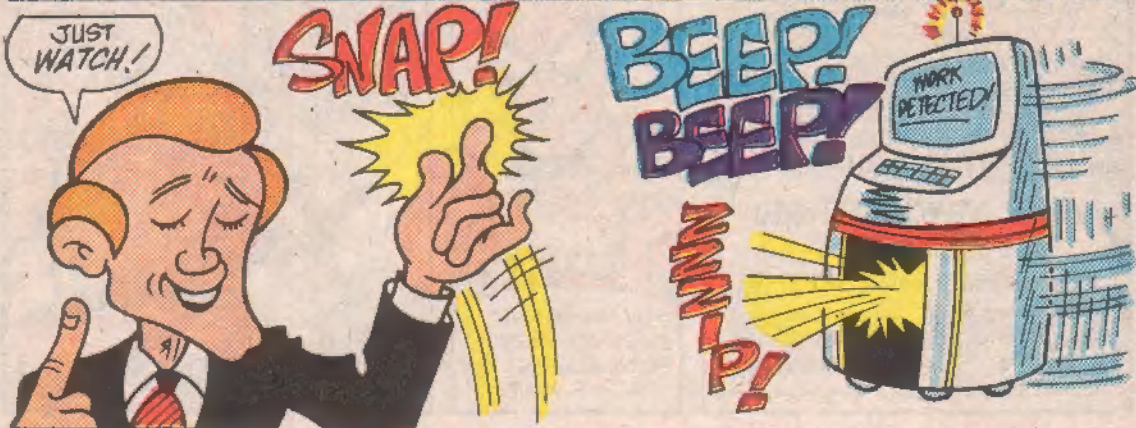
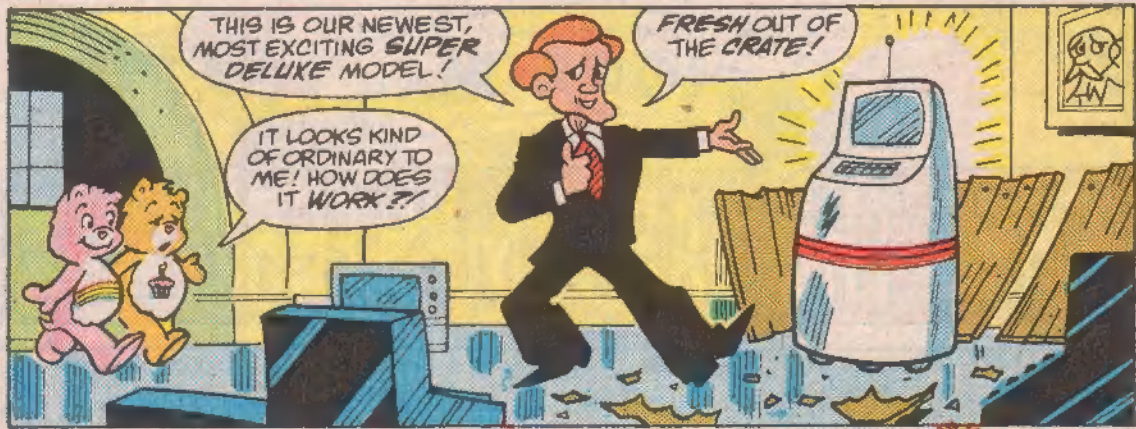


HMM... MY SPIDER-SENSE  
TELLS ME I BETTER FIND  
CAP'N CRUNCH AND SPIN ON  
OUTTA HERE FAST... OR  
BREAKFAST'LL BE DOOMED...  
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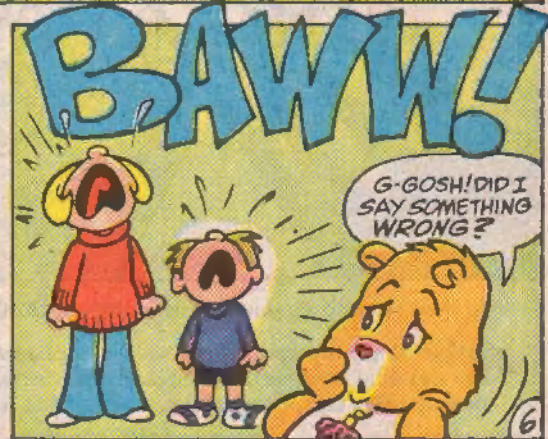
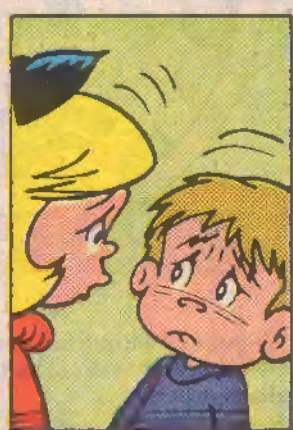
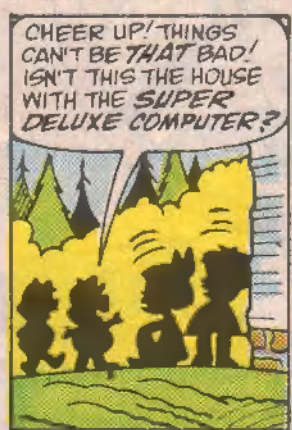
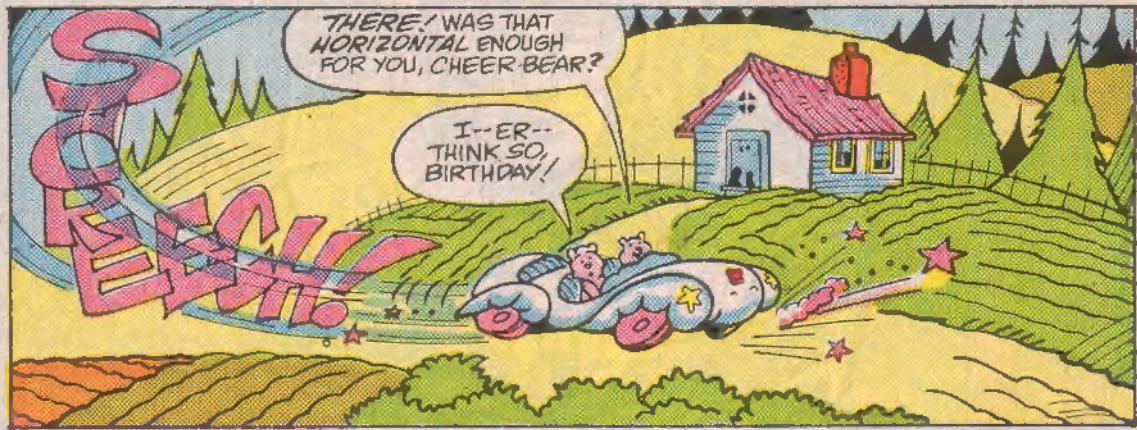
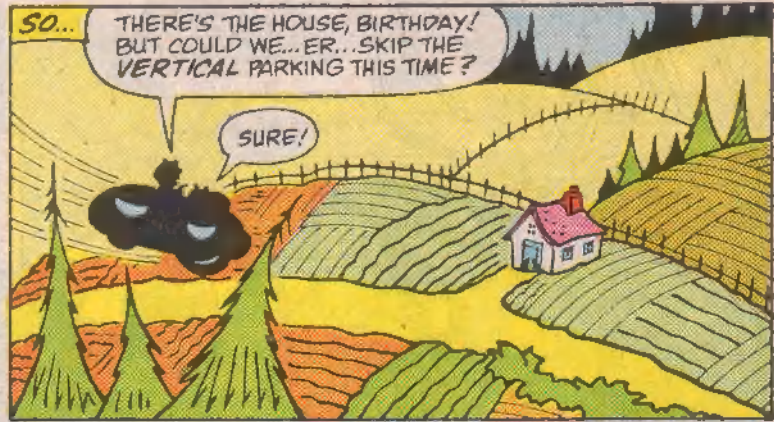
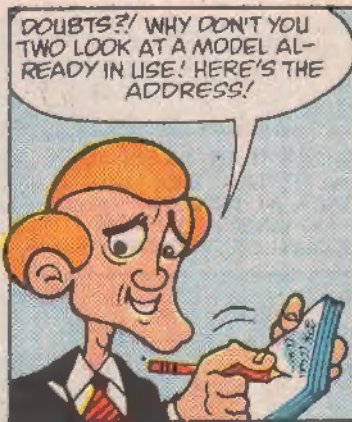
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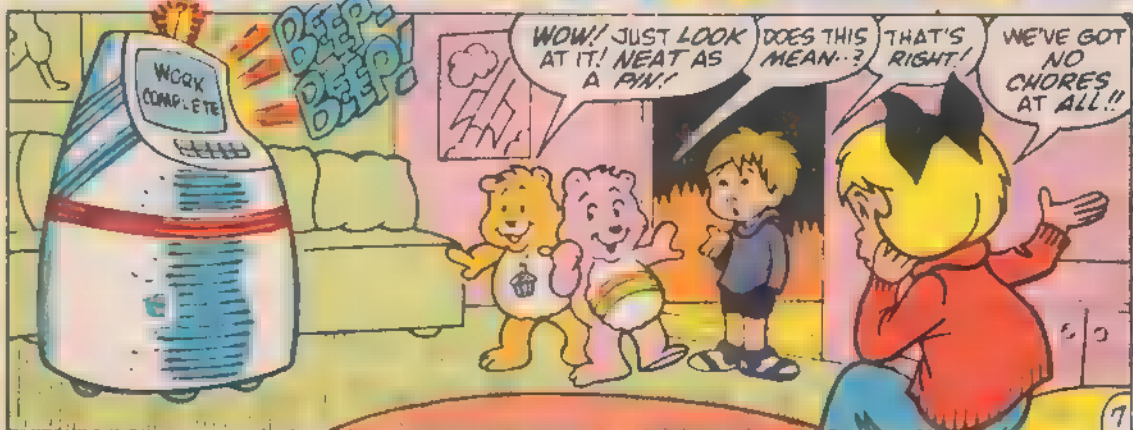
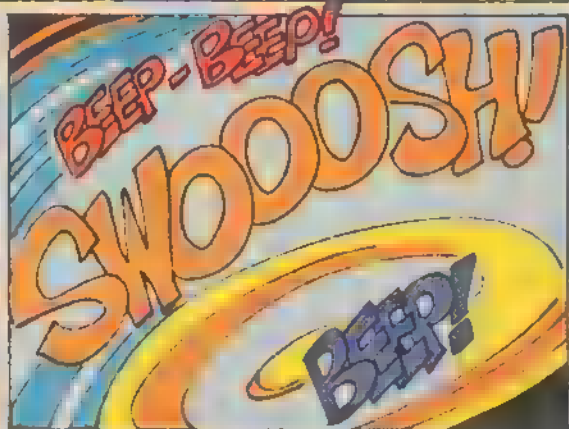
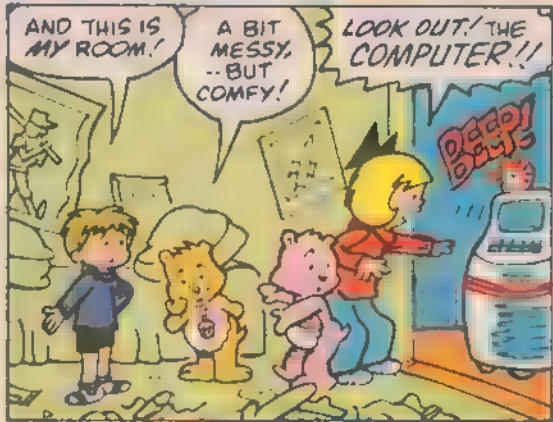
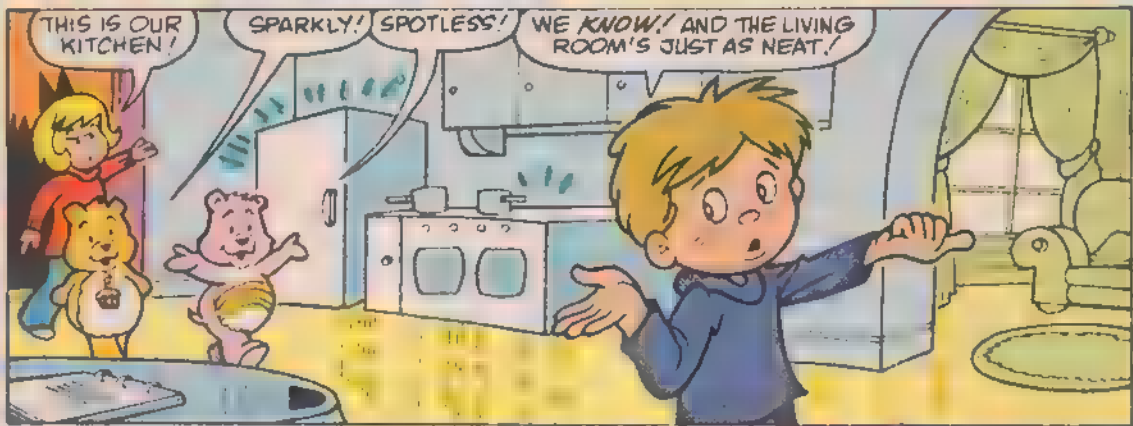
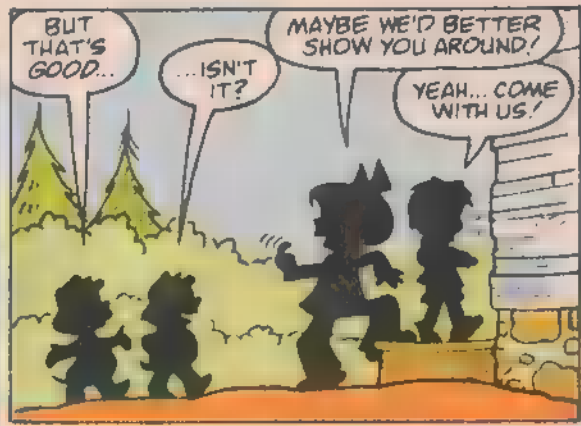
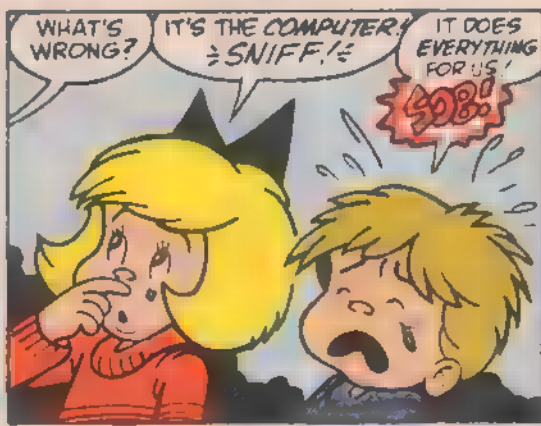
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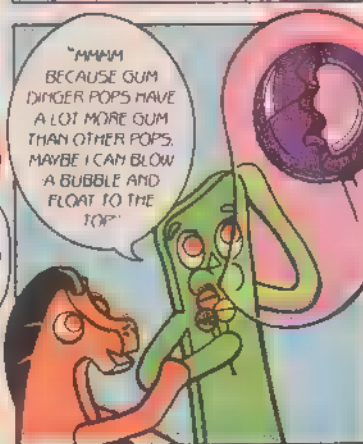
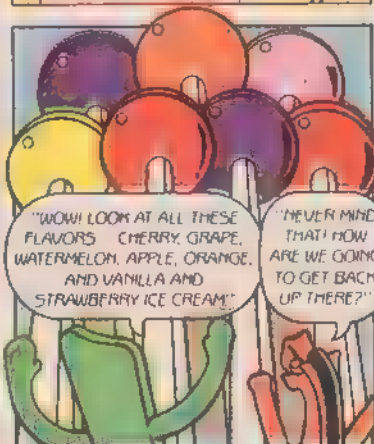
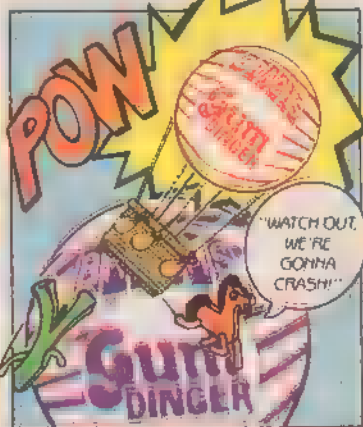
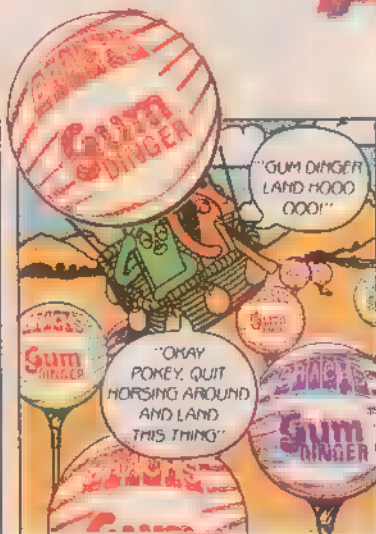


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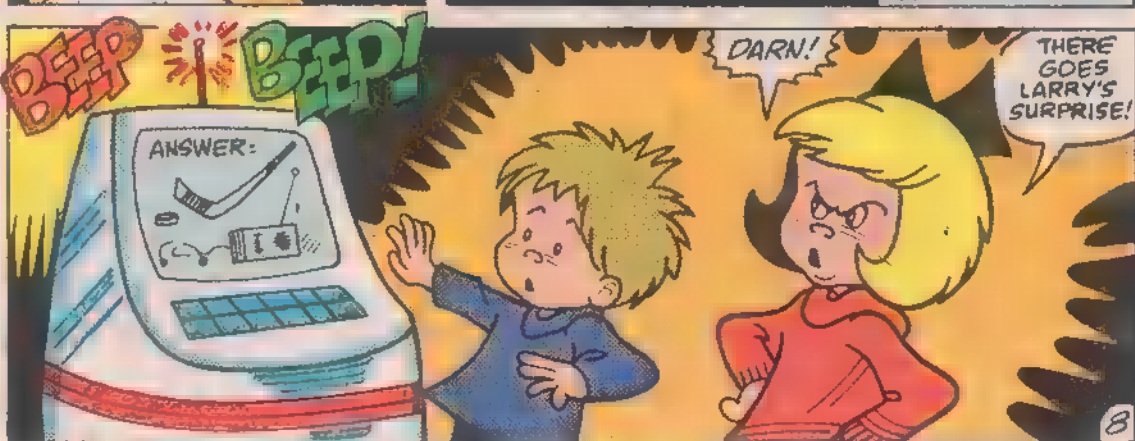
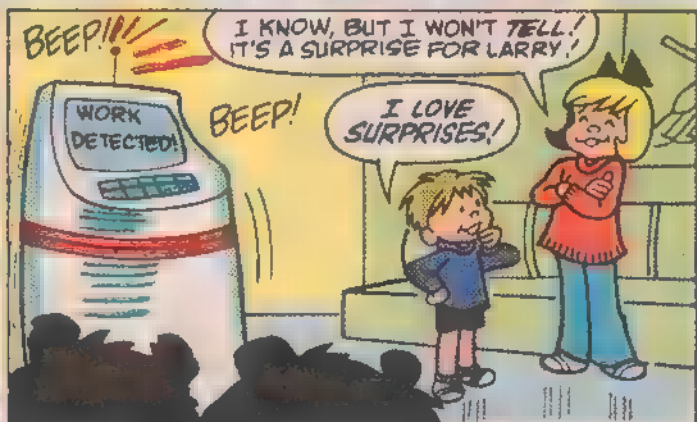
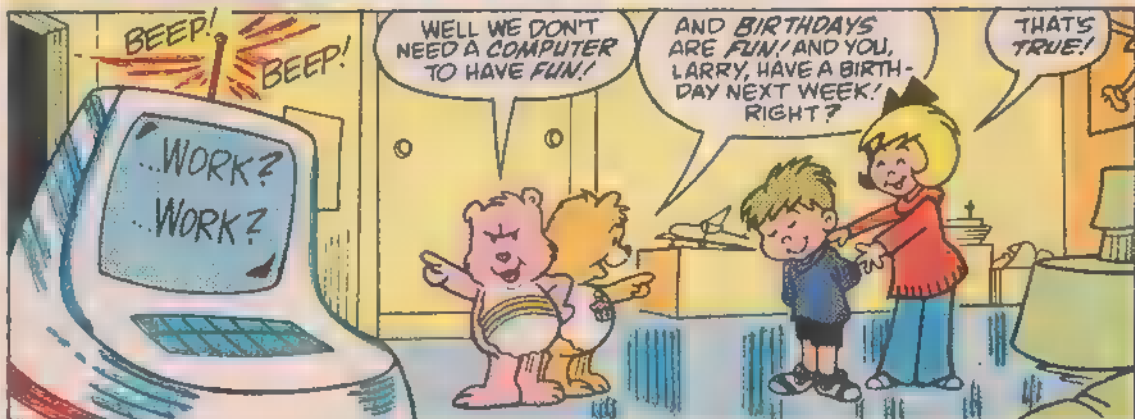
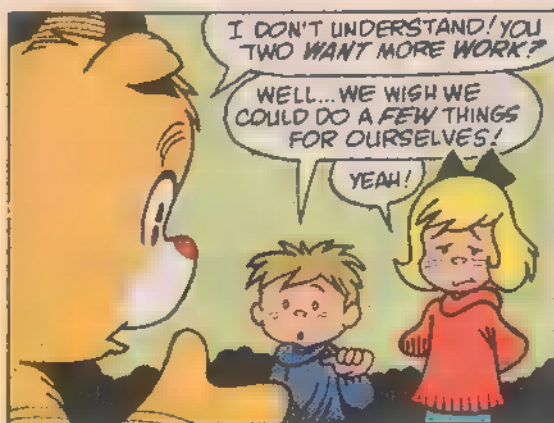
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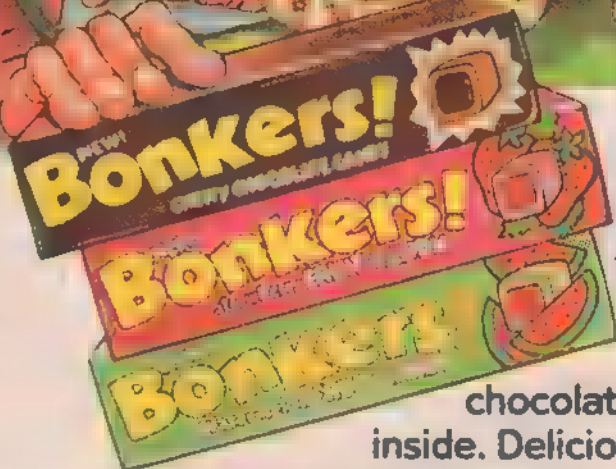
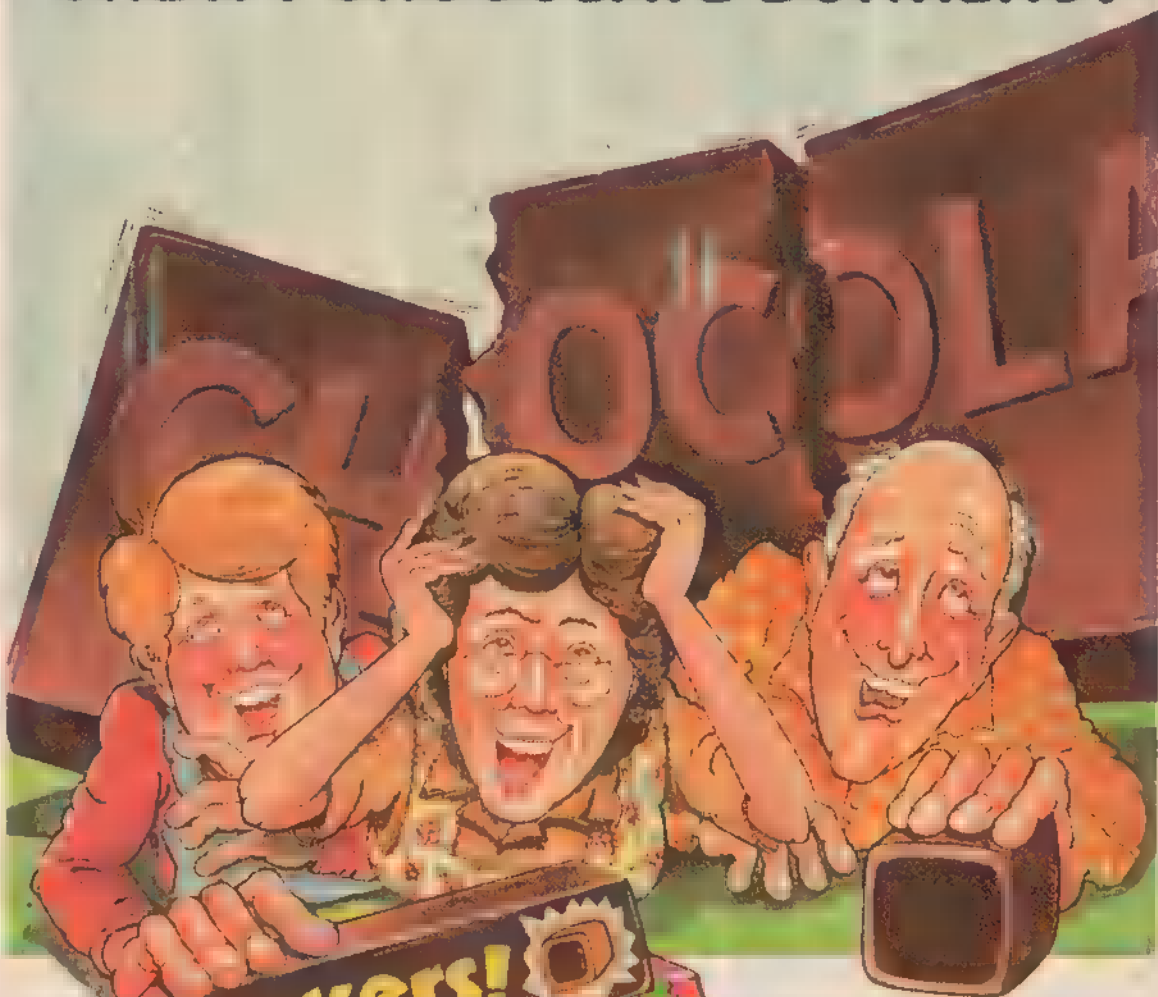
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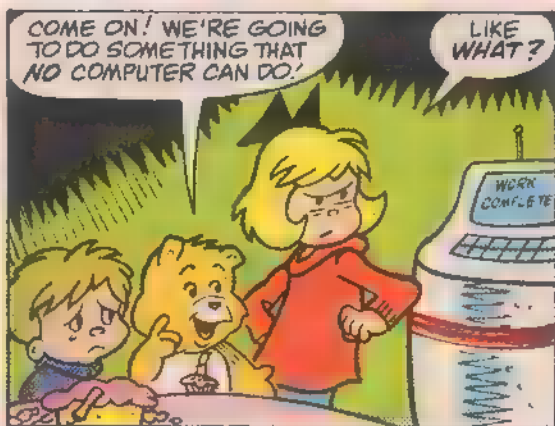
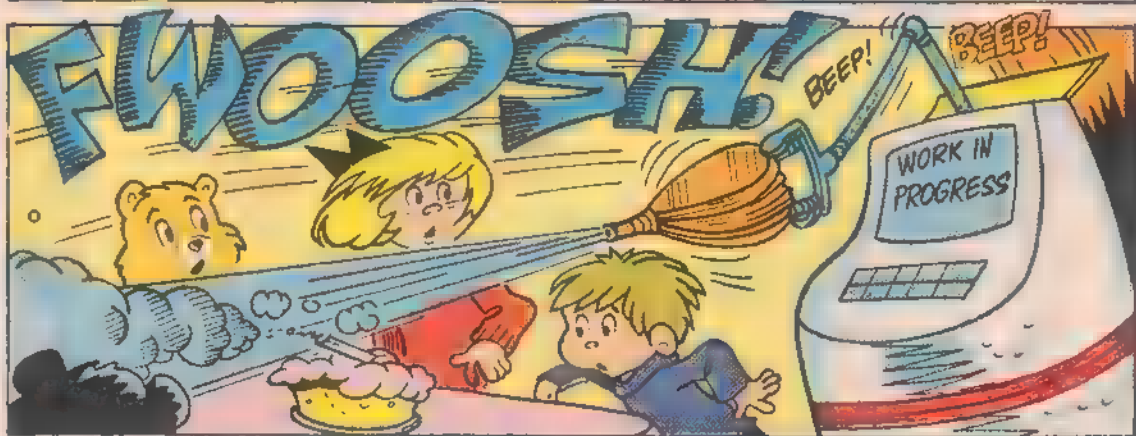
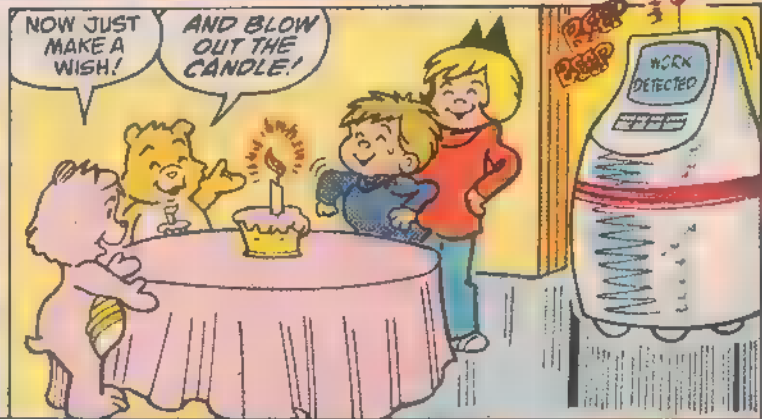


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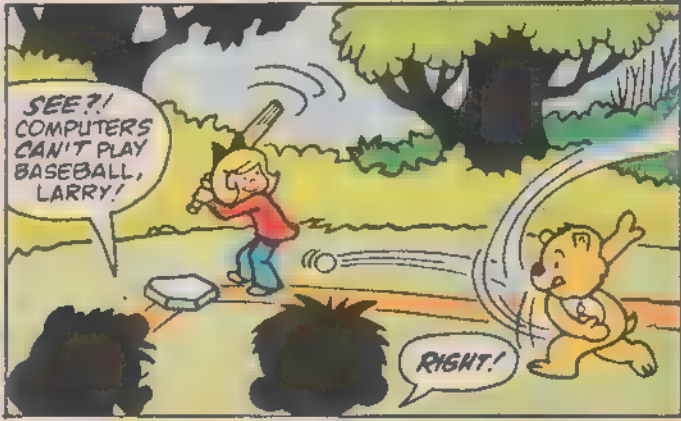




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HERE IT COMES!

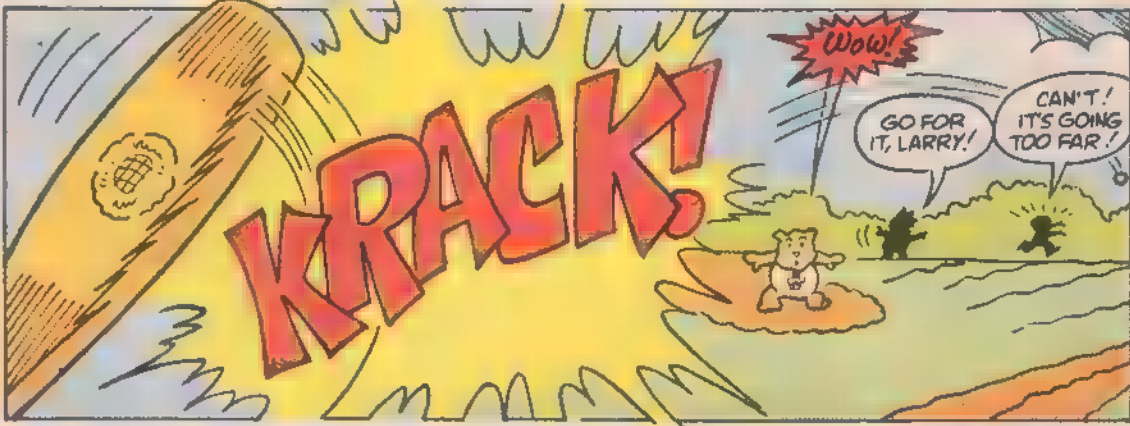


SEE?!  
COMPUTERS  
CAN'T PLAY  
BASEBALL,  
LARRY!



RIGHT!

**KRACK!**



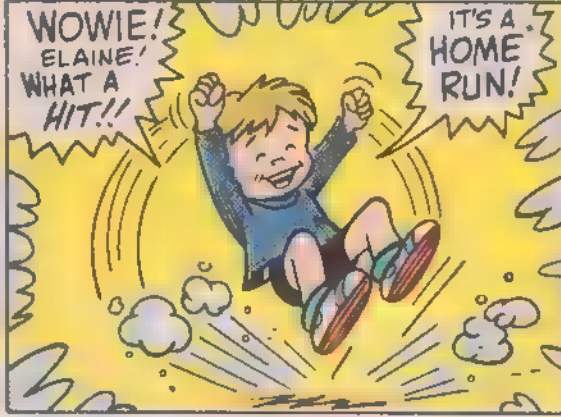
Wow!

GO FOR  
IT, LARRY!

CAN'T!  
IT'S GOING  
TOO FAR!

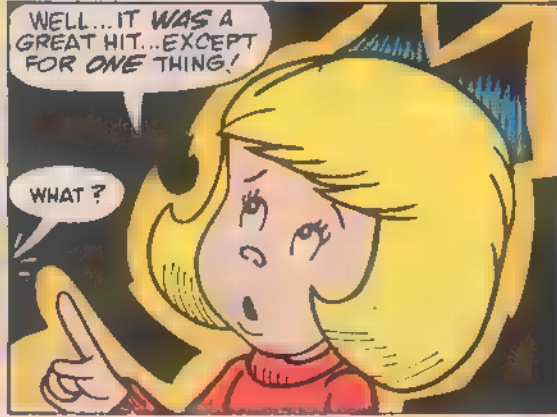
WOWIE!  
ELAINE!  
WHAT A  
HIT!!

IT'S A  
HOME  
RUN!



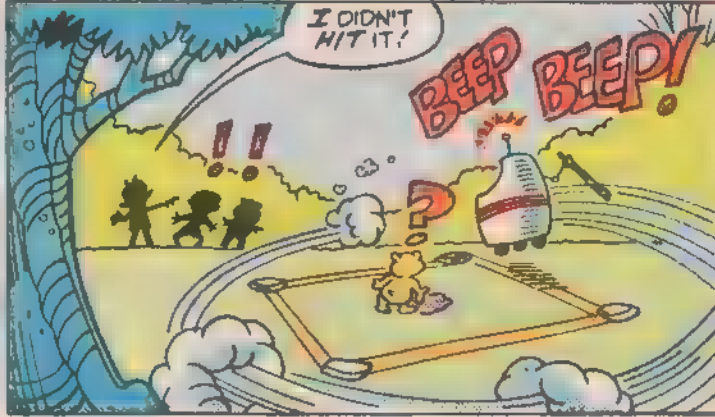
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GREAT HIT... EXCEPT  
FOR ONE THING!

WHAT?



I DIDN'T  
HIT IT!

**BEEP BEEP!**

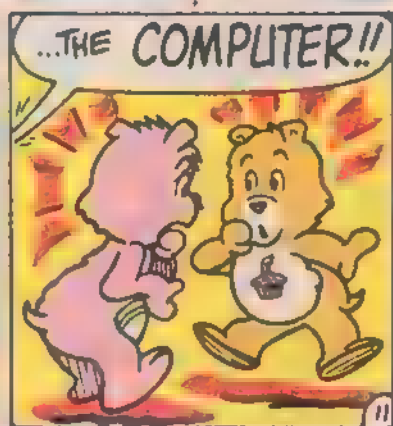
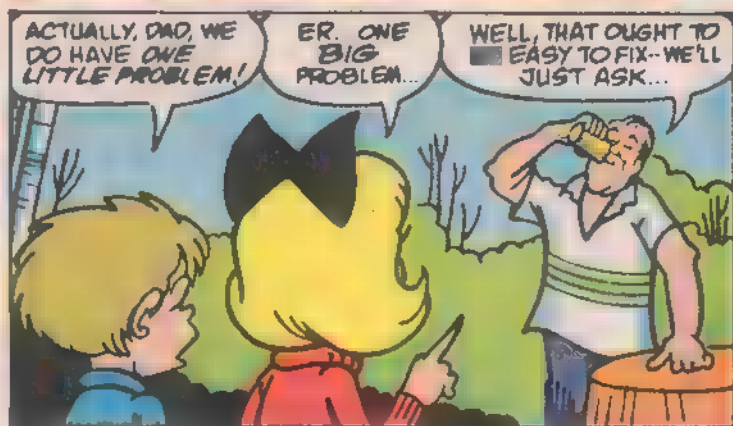
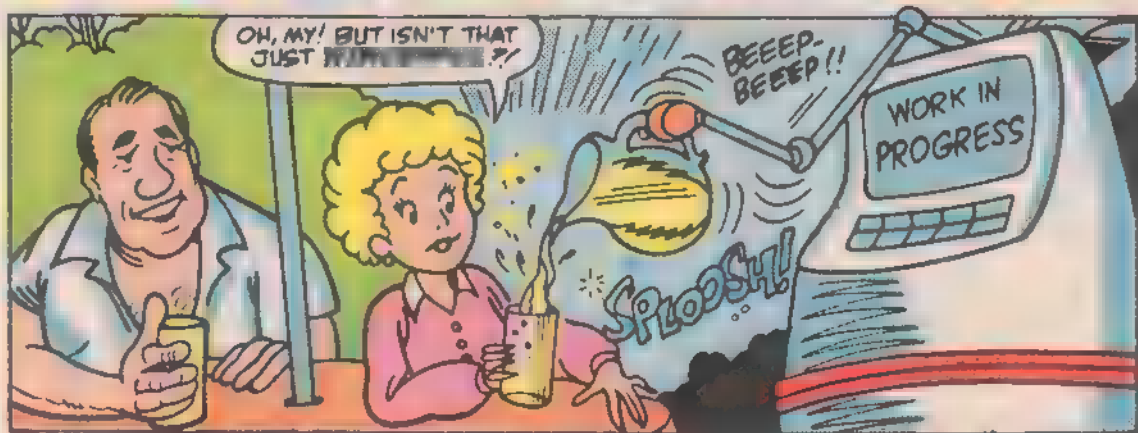
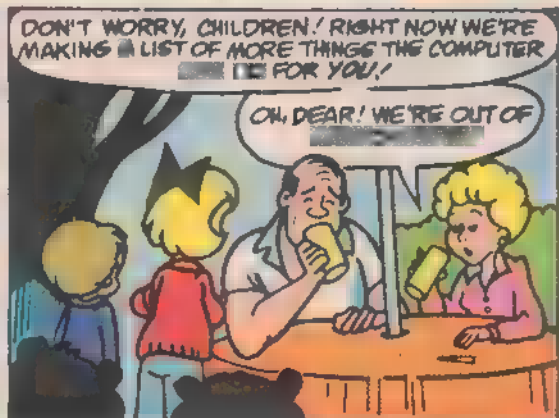
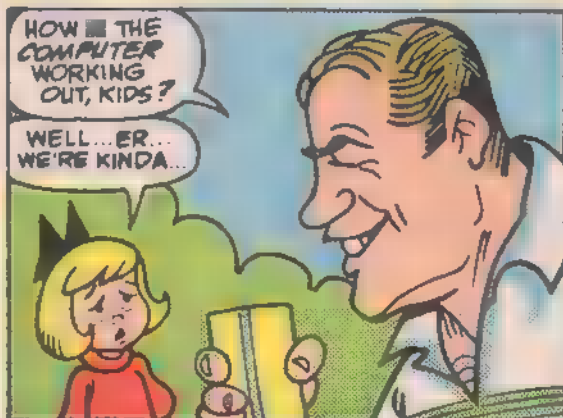
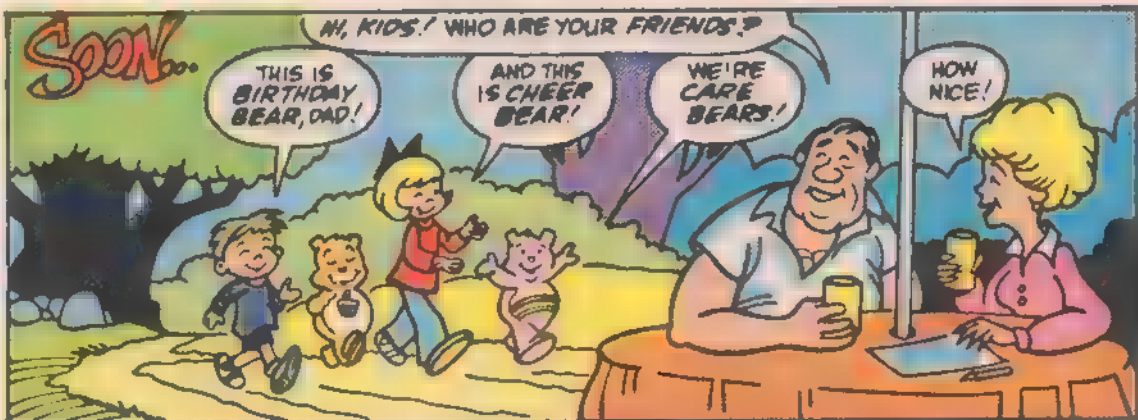


LARRY... ELAINE! I THINK IT'S  
TIME TO TALK TO YOUR PARENTS!

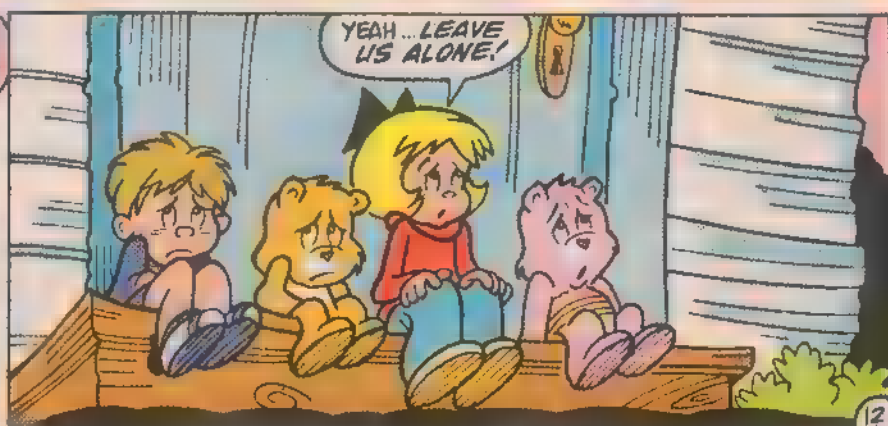
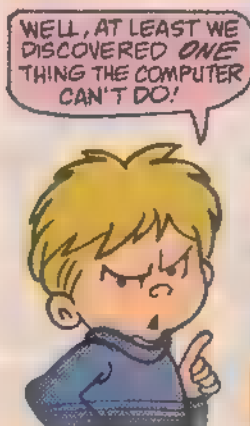
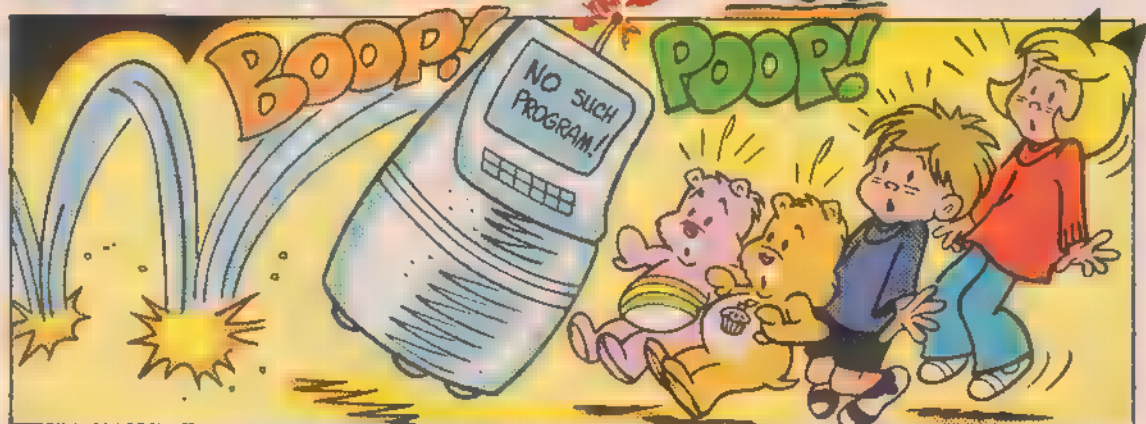
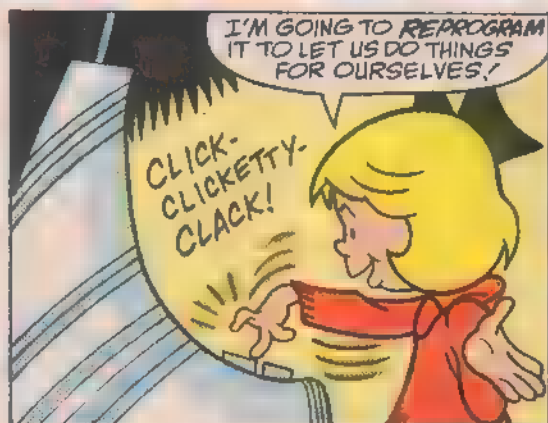
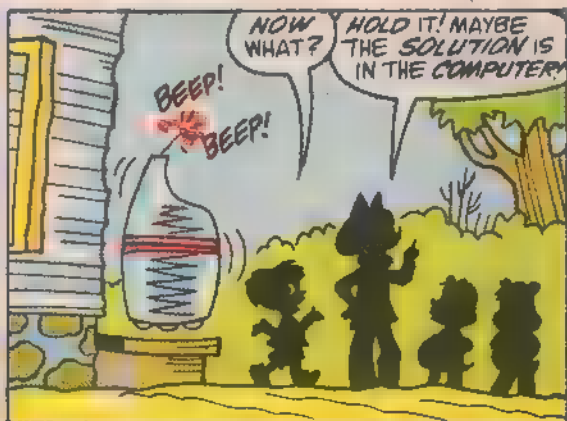
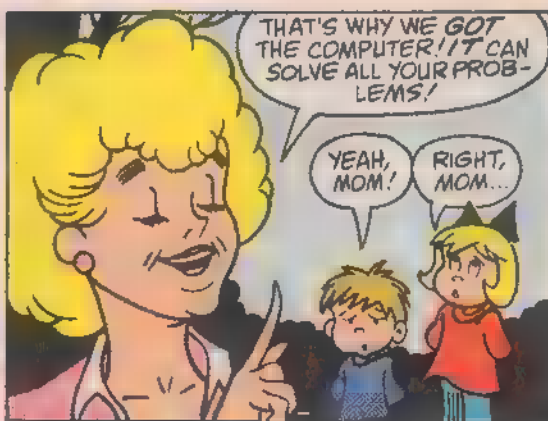
BEEP! BEEP!













# Care Bears

IN COMPUTER DISASTER **PART II**  
"THE BIG BLOW-UP!"

IT'S A SAD SCENE AT LARRY AND ELAINE'S HOUSE! THEIR HOME COMPUTER HAS REALLY TAKEN OVER THEIR HOME!... AND EVEN THE CARE BEARS CAN'T SEEM TO HELP!!!

GOSH, CHEER BEAR! I SURE WISH WE COULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP THE KIDS!

BUT WHAT, BIRTHDAY BEAR? WHATEVER WE DO, THE COMPUTER WILL DO FIRST!

GLUM  
GLUM

SAY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! MAYBE WE COULD...

SHHHH!  
SOMEONE IS LISTENING!

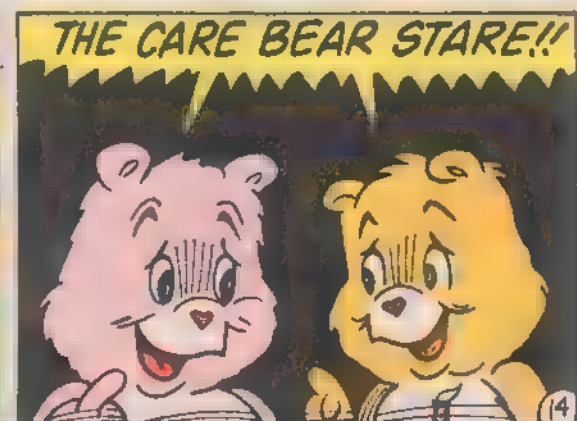
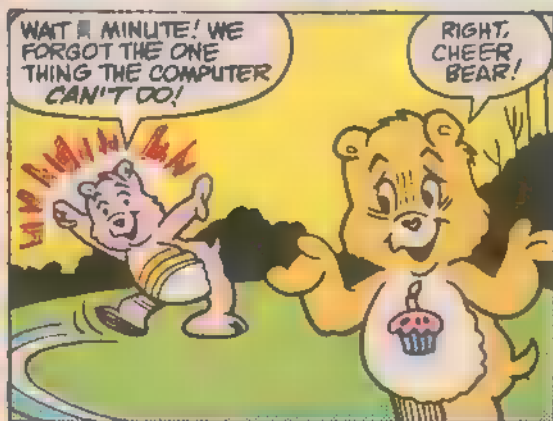
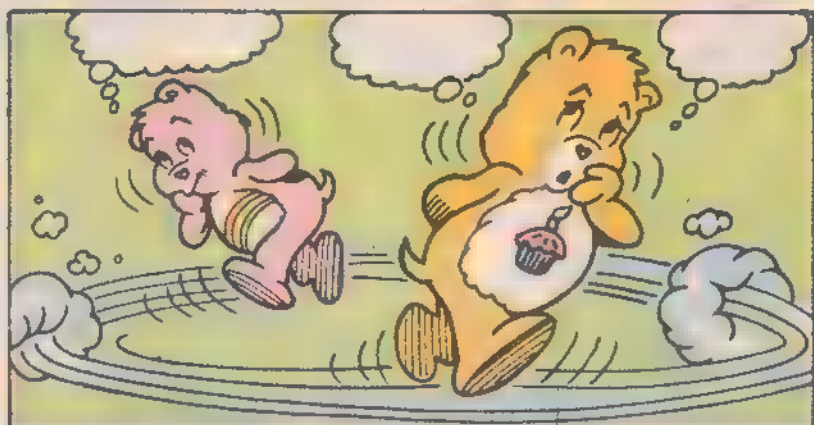
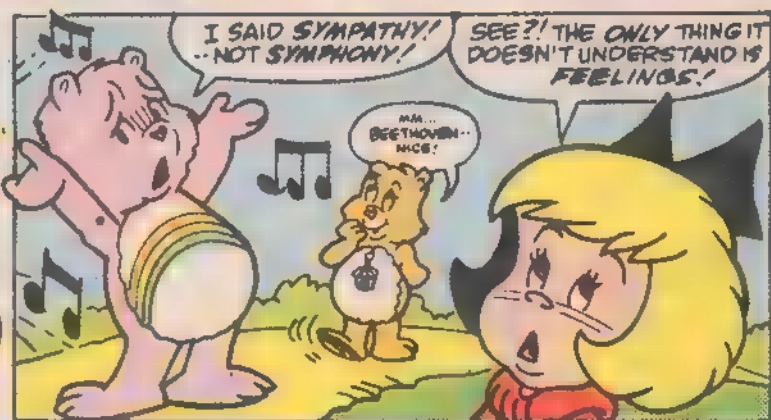
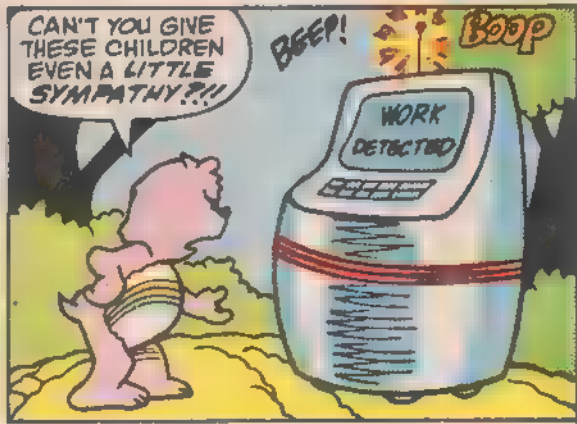
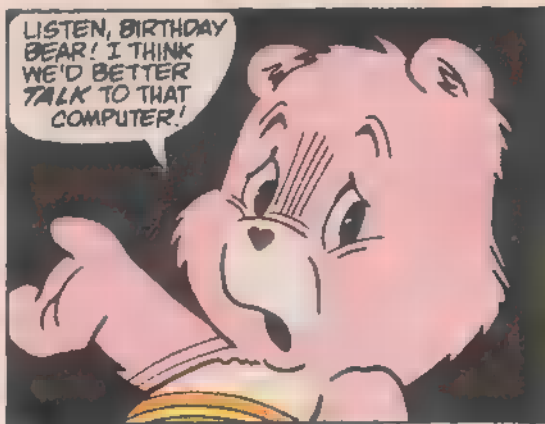
BEEP!  
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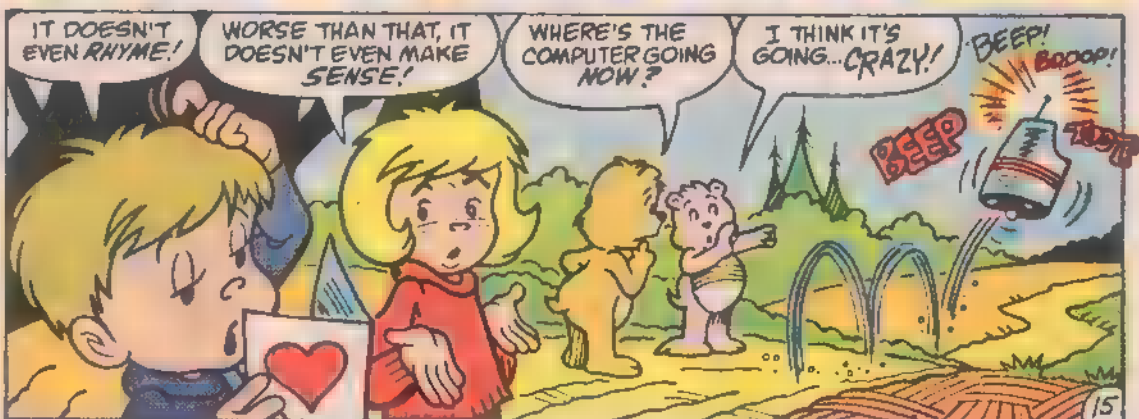
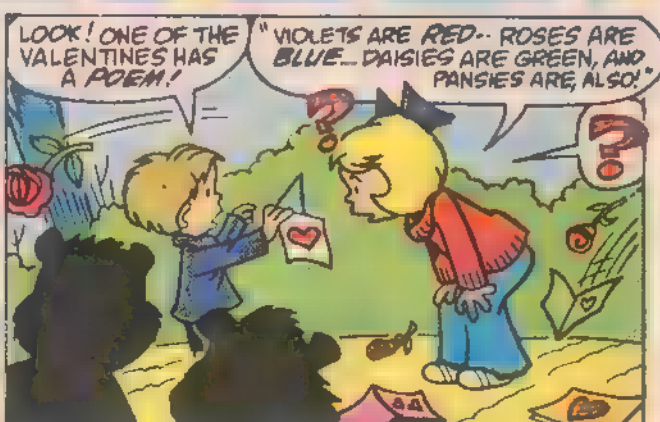
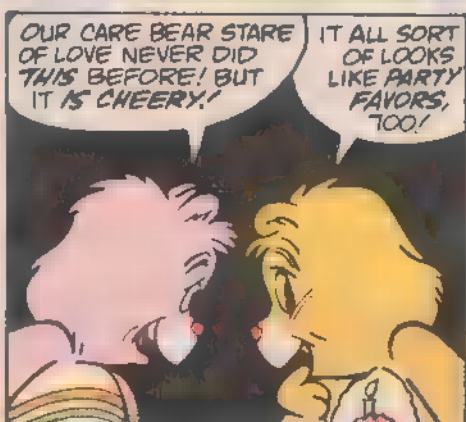
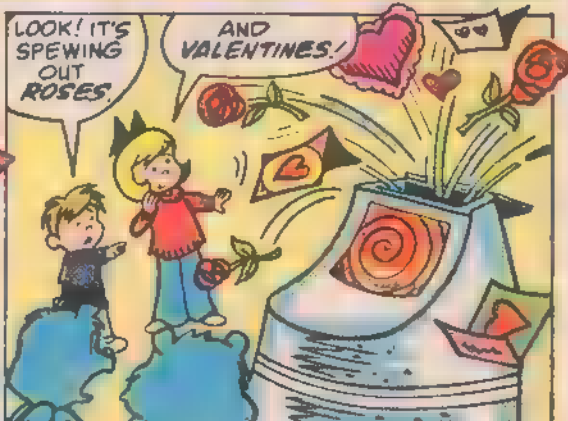
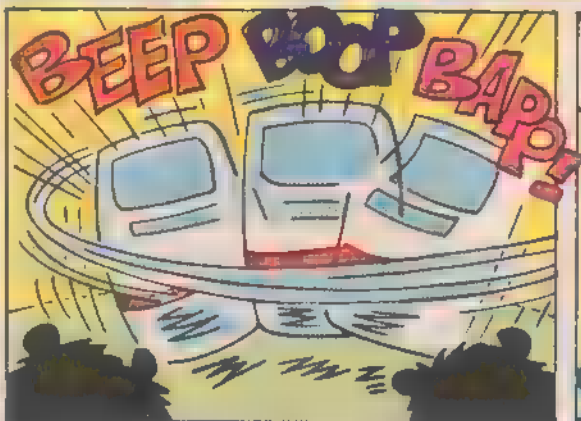
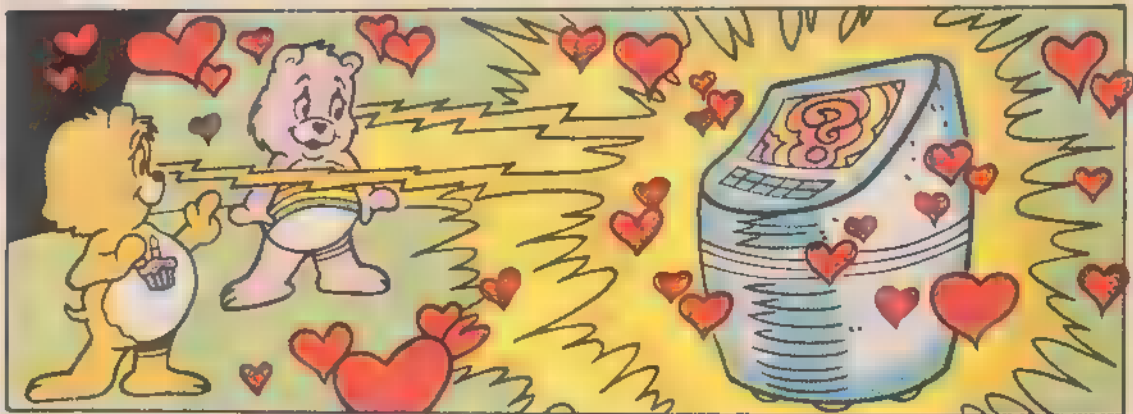
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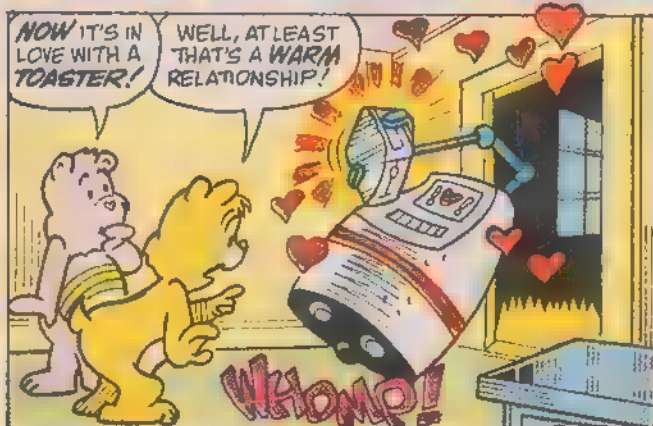
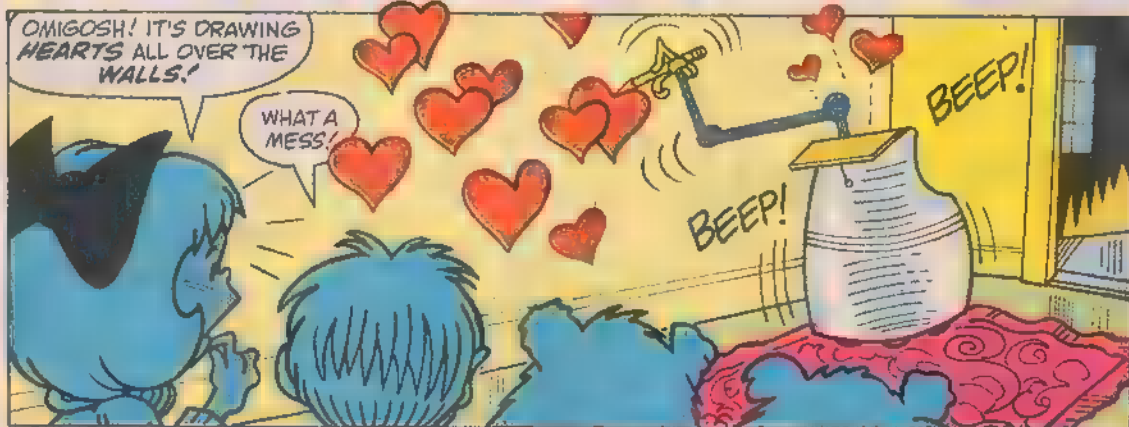
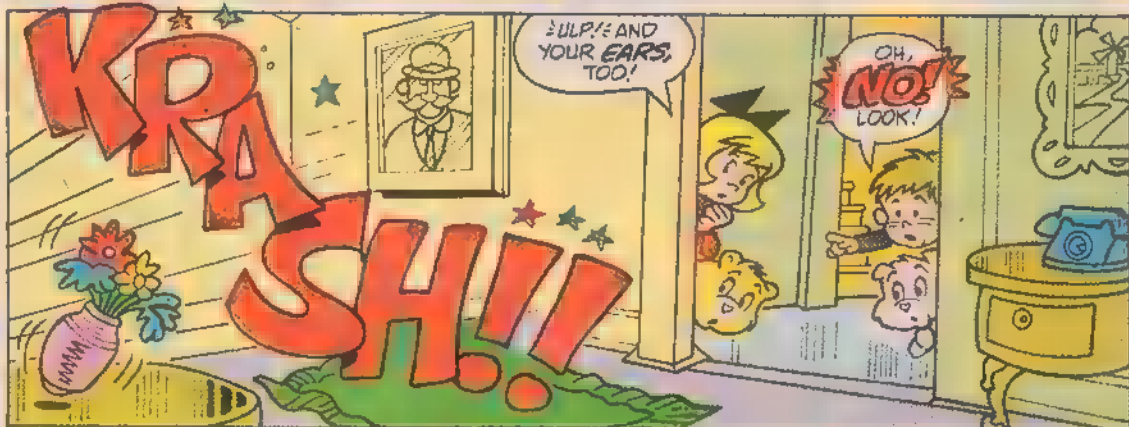
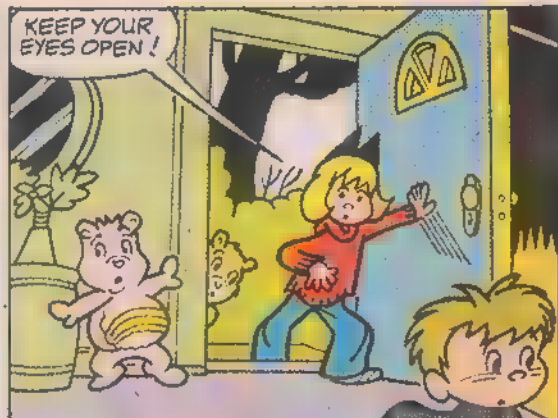
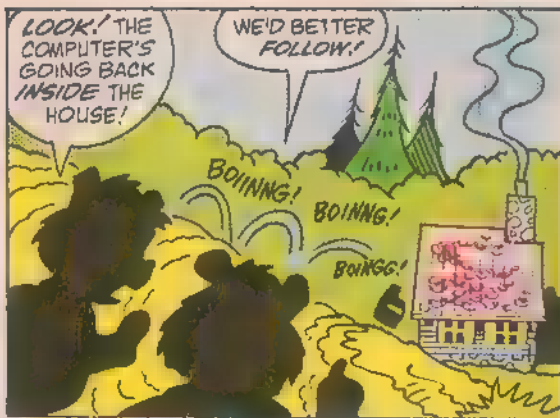
















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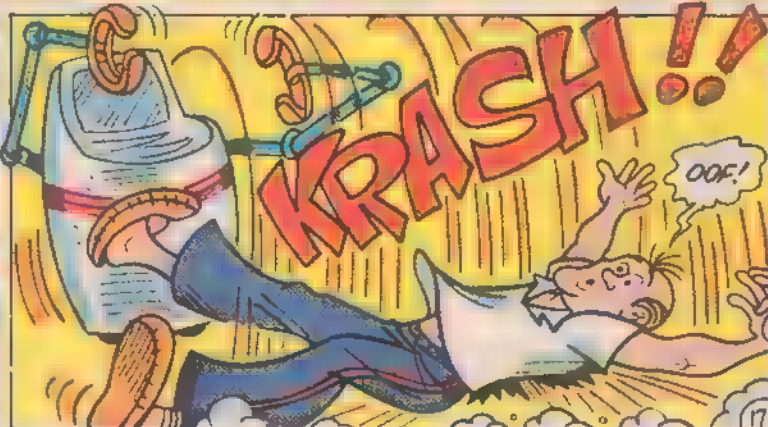
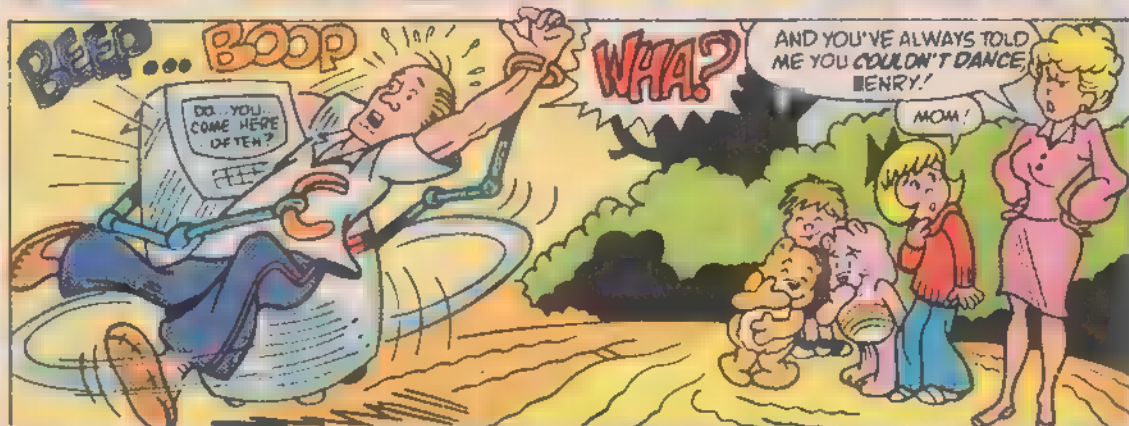
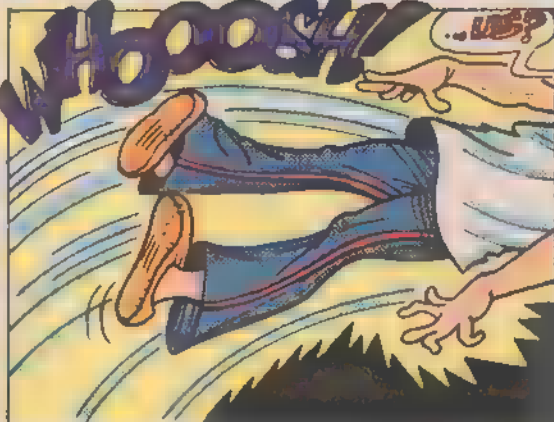
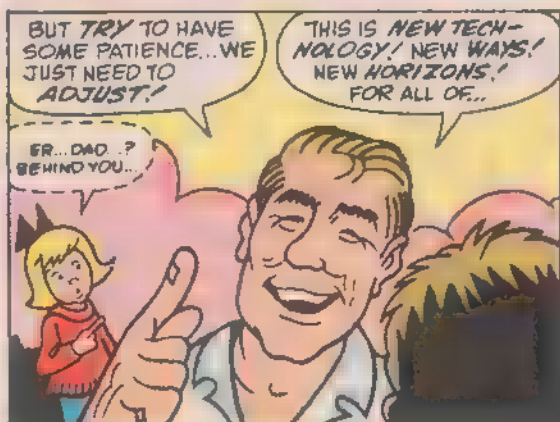
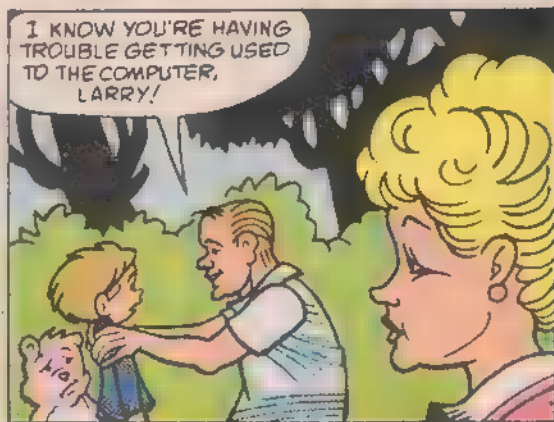
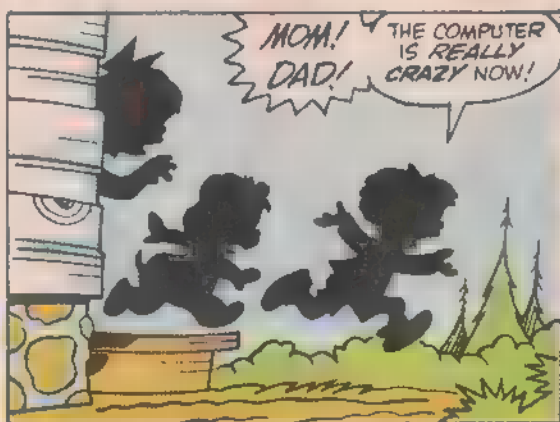
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# Newton's Fruit Chewy Mix-Up!

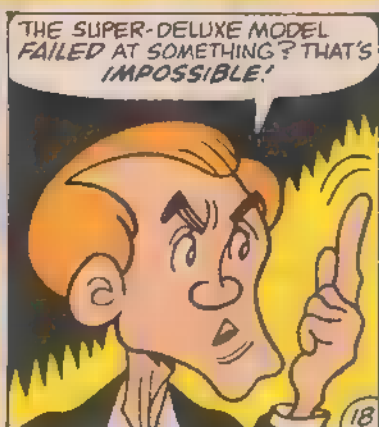
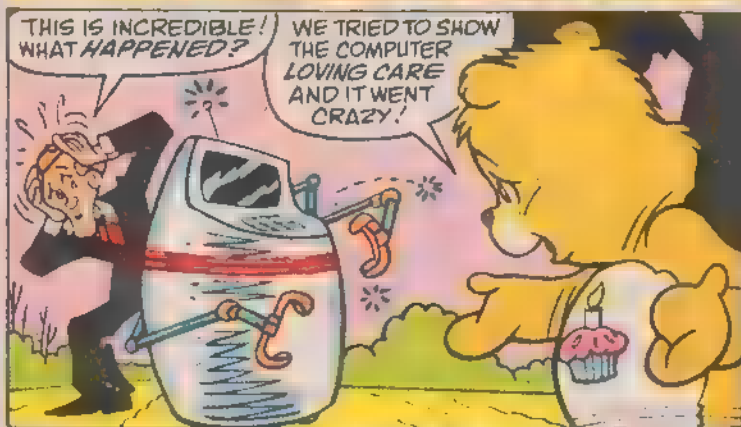
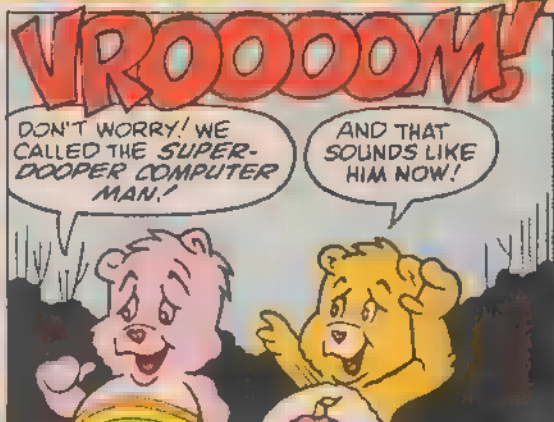
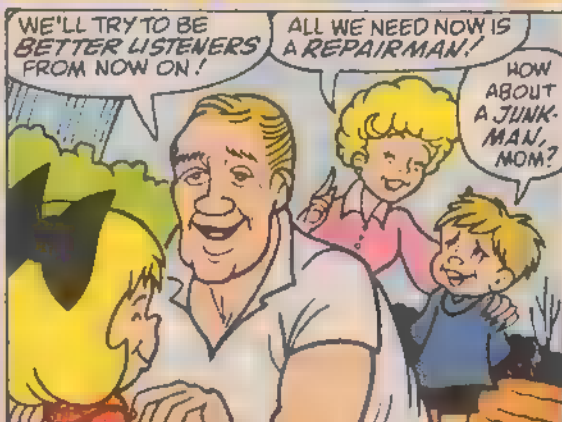
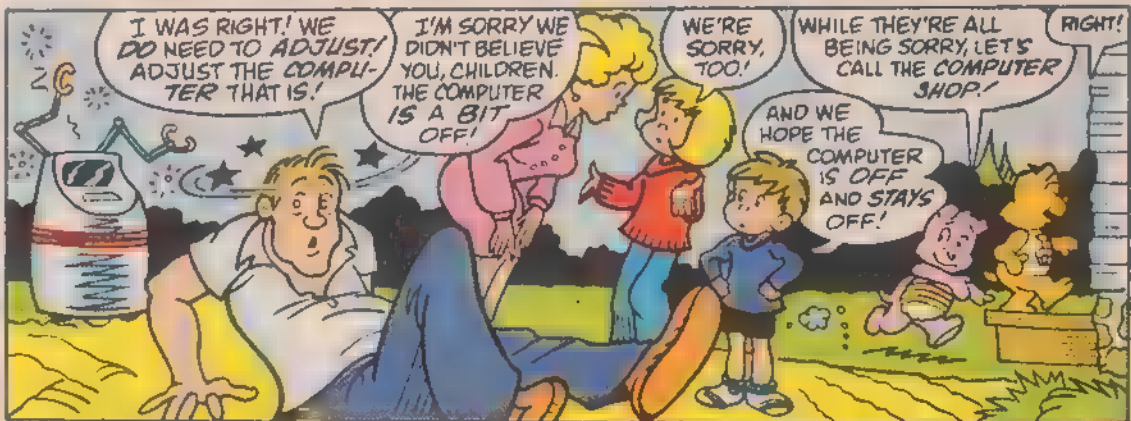
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HINT: there are two new flavors!

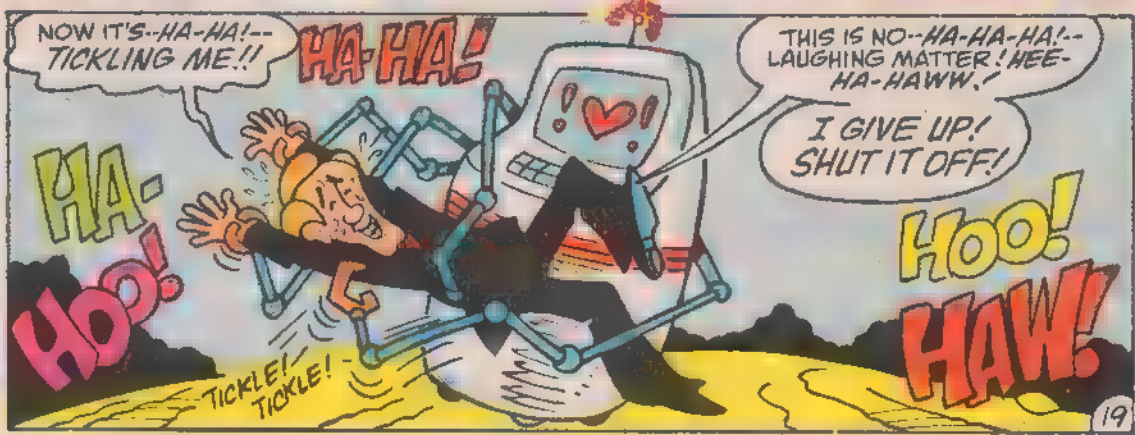
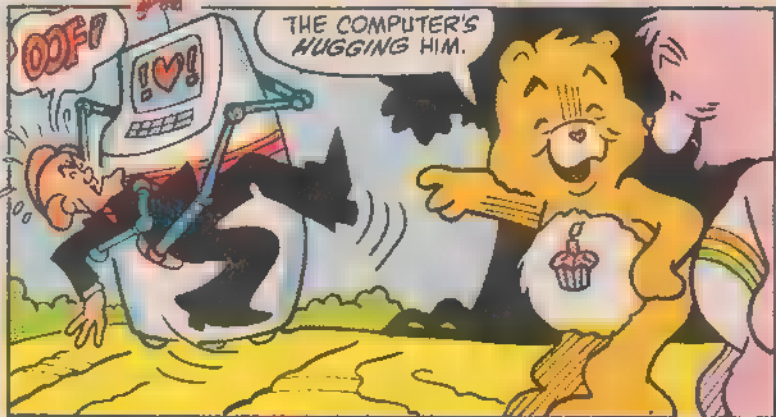
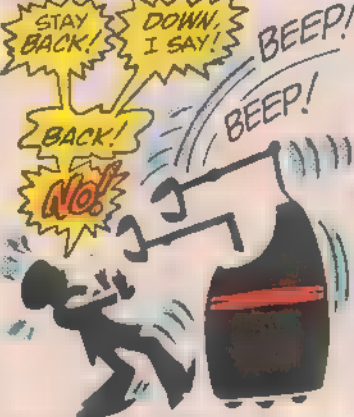
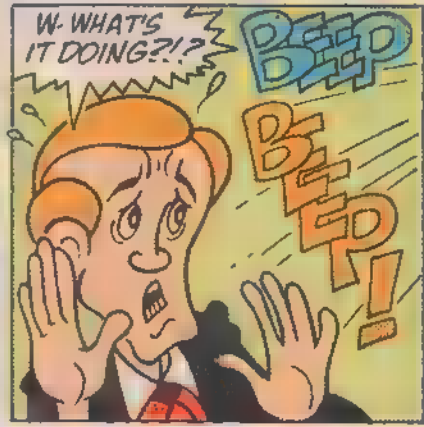
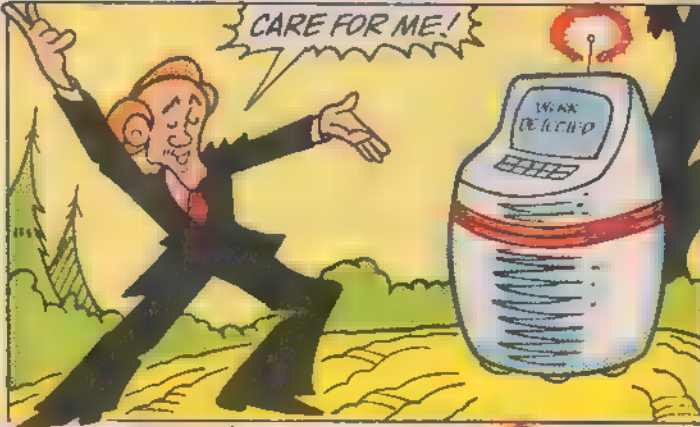
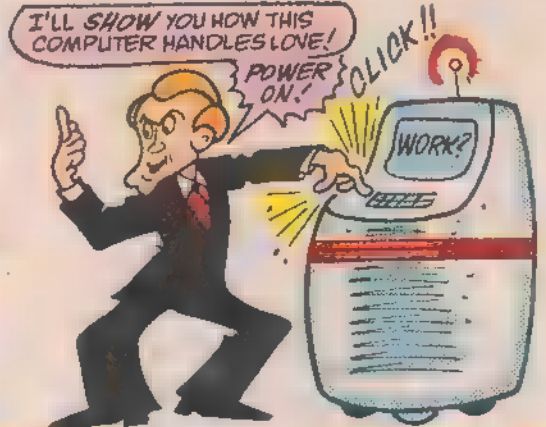
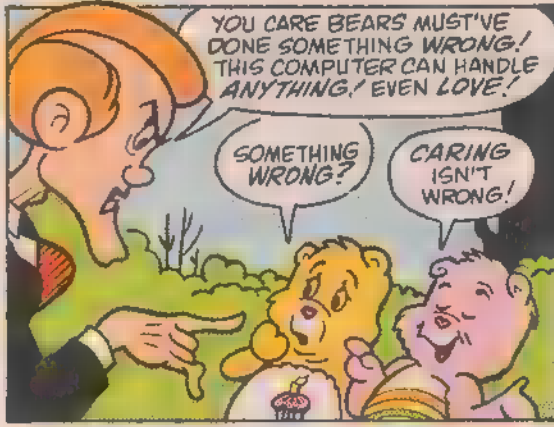


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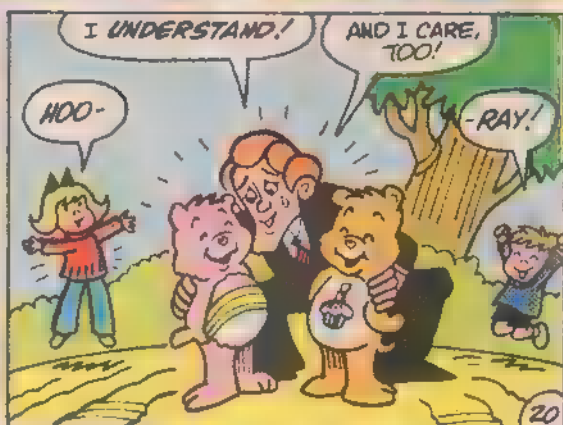
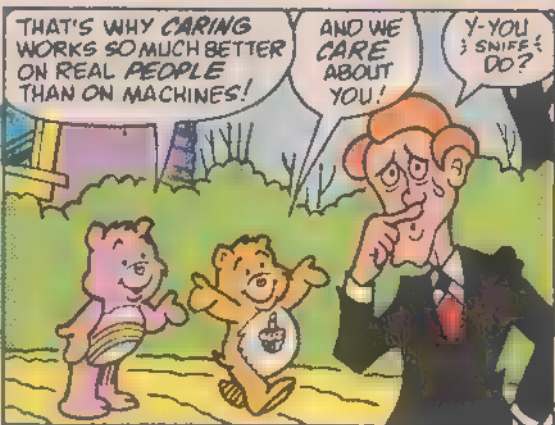
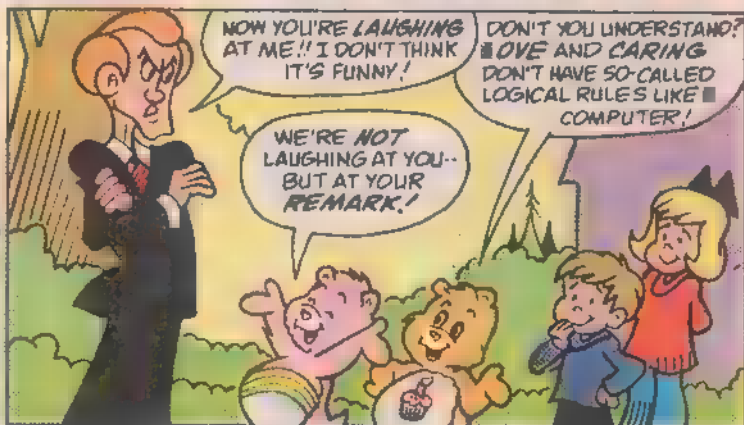
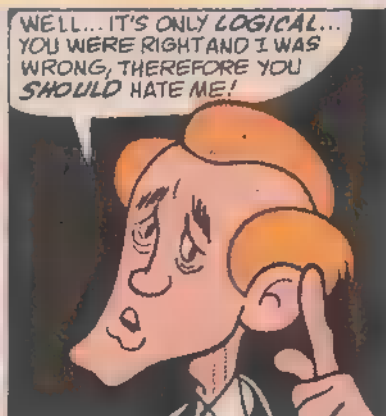
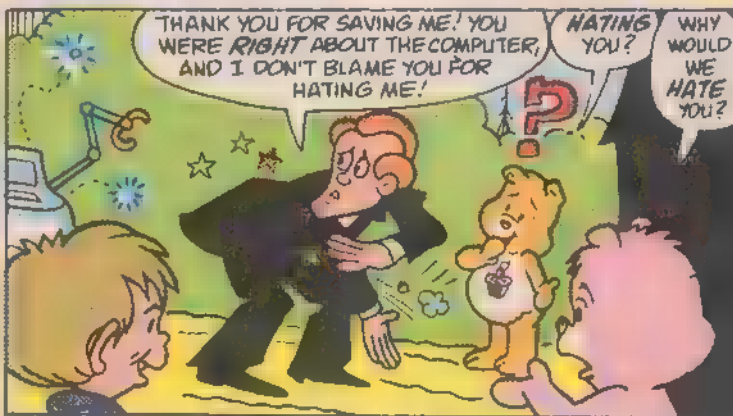
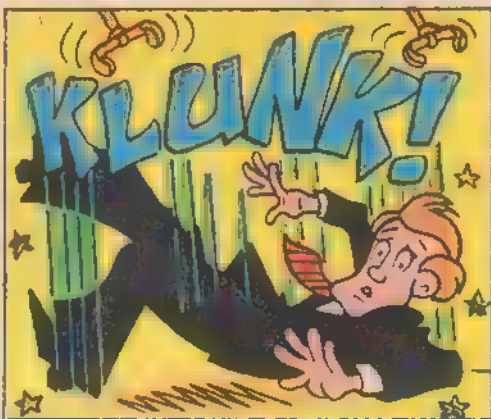
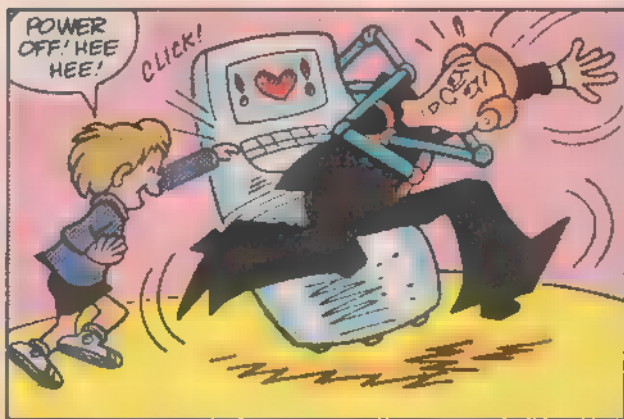
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# STAR SIGNALS



\*\*\*\*\* Greetings from abroad! The Great English Adventure continues...

Yes, I'm still in England and having a terrific time! As I promised you last month, you're going to meet some of the people who produce the comic books for **Marvel UK**.

However, instead of doing all the talking like usual, I thought it would be a lot more fun (and a lot less work for me) to have them all introduce themselves. So, here goes...

Cheers to you,  
From the UK crew!

I'm Jenny O'Connor, and I edit the British equivalent of Star Comics for **Marvel UK**. Not that I do it alone you understand. There's Barton and Stone (Diana Barton and Nicky Stone), who aren't a detective agency but the team behind our *Care Bears* comic, Julie Hollings, who grapples with the *Get Along Gang*, Etta Saunders who's just started on our new *Muppet Babies* title, and Steve White who's currently doing wonders with a comic that doesn't appear in the US, called *Acorn Green*.

You're probably thinking that four titles is hardly a big line of comics, but, and it's a big but—they come out every week! Yes, kids in Britain expect cover to cover thrills every seven days! Ridiculous, eh?

Hi there, S.T.A.H. people, from the *British Bullpen* in London! This bite—sorry, bit—you are chewing—sorry, reading—is written by Ian ("no, really, I'm not obsessed with food") Rimmer, Editor of what we loosely call the "*Boys' Adven-*

*ture Group*". Helping me prepare the dinner—sorry, the titles—we have Simon (scripts and sausage sandwiches) Furman, Richard (letters and lettuce) Starkings, John (artwork and apple pie) Tomlinson, and Jane (colour separations and coffee) Hindmarsh. They're a great bunch (and not a bad lunch!) because without them none of our titles would exist. Those titles, by the way, include the UK *Transformers*—the number one selling boys' comic in this country—and *Spider-Man* and *Zoids*, featuring a certain webslinger from New York, and a group of fearsome mechanical monsters from the 23rd century, the *Zoids*.

Great Gallifrey, Star Signals!

We're the odd ones out, here at **Marvel UK**—at least that's what they tell us...

"We" are the *Doctor Who* Magazine team—Assistant Editor Penny Holme, Designer Steve Cook and myself Sheila Cranna (I'm the Editor). We put together the *Doctor Who Magazine*, **Marvel UK's** only monthly title—and that's why we're the odd ones out!

Maybe you've seen the science fiction show *Doctor Who* about a mysterious "Doctor," who can travel in time and space!

**DWM** is 40 pages long and a mixture of features, photos and comic strips. It keeps us pretty busy, along with the *Specials* we produce but we've recently managed to take some time off—Penny to go to Portugal, Steve to Greece, and myself to get married, back home in Scotland. (Castles, mountains, sun-

shine and kilts—what more could a bride ask for?)

Hello! It's about time the villains of this story got a look in! I'm Alison Gill, and along with Jez Meteyard, Mark Irvine and Bob Howard, make up the four most "popular" people in **Marvel UK** the Production Team.

As soon as we walk into a room, people's faces drop! Folk have even been known to walk out in the rain to avoid meeting us in the corridor. I can't think why—all we do is nag people to keep to their schedules, and moan at them if their typesetting or artwork is not done correctly.

Must go now, I can see an editor crawling down our way on his knees—looks like he's five minutes late with his artwork. Jez, get the chains; Mark hold him down; Bob put the steel-capped boots on...

\*\*\*\*\* Heh! Heh! I should know this trick more often! This was the easiest *Star Signals* of all... because I didn't have to do any of the work!

Oh, well, I'll be back in **Marvel New York** next month. I've really enjoyed the past two months in England. It's a beautiful country, and the people here are really nice. (Especially the **Marvel UK** people!) But there's no place like home!

So, until next month...

Thanks for being there!

Tom D.

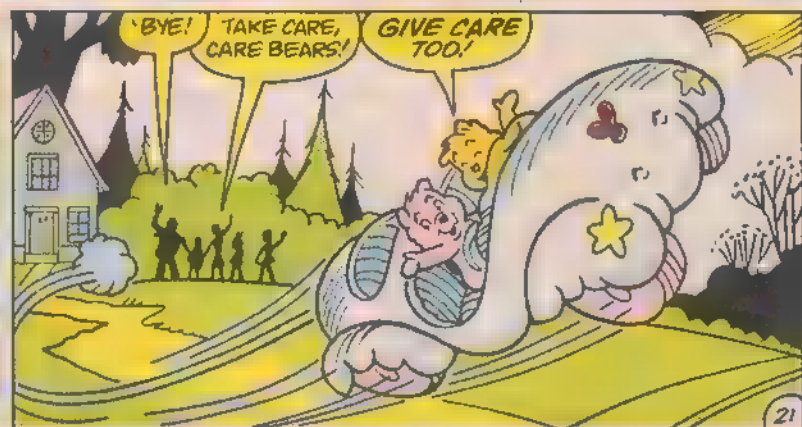
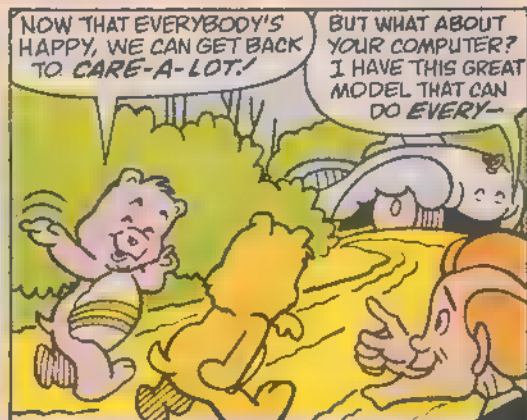
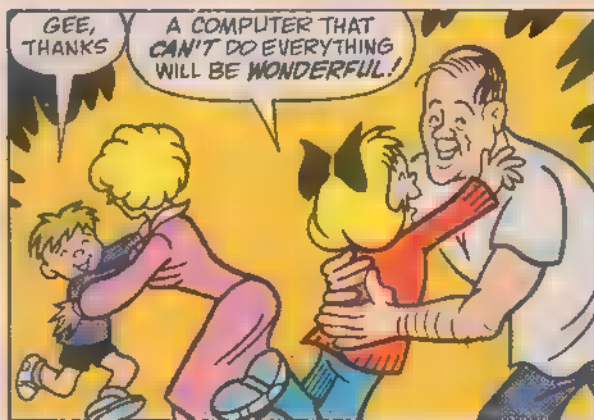
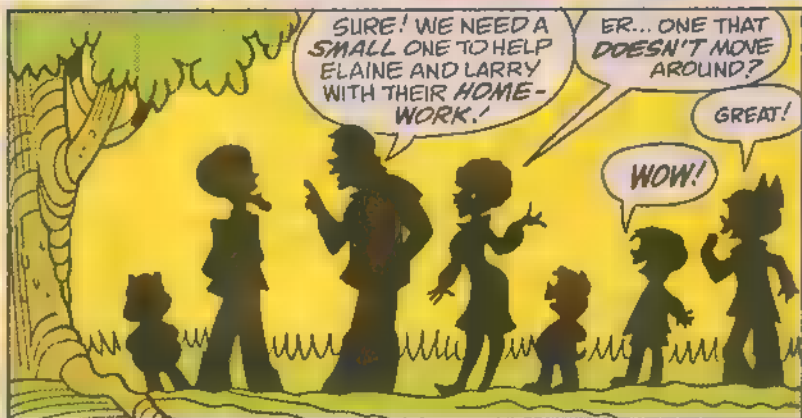
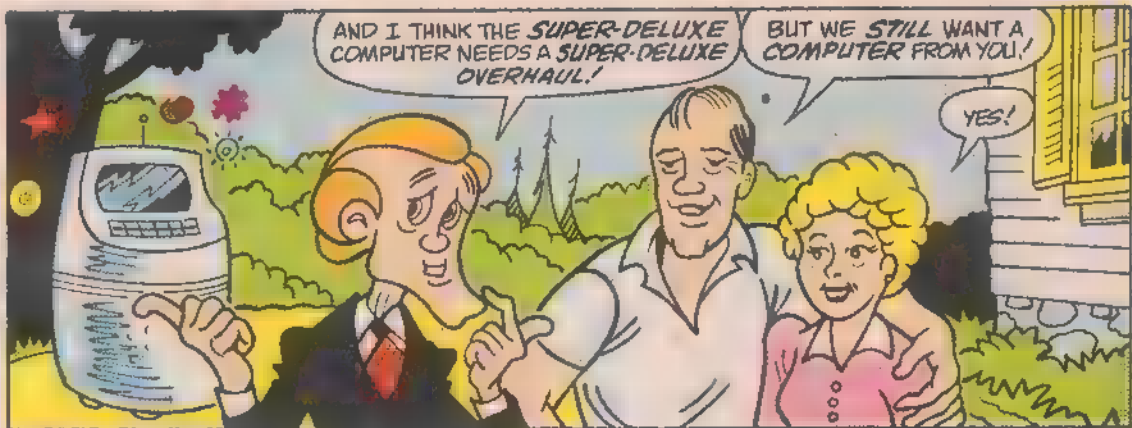
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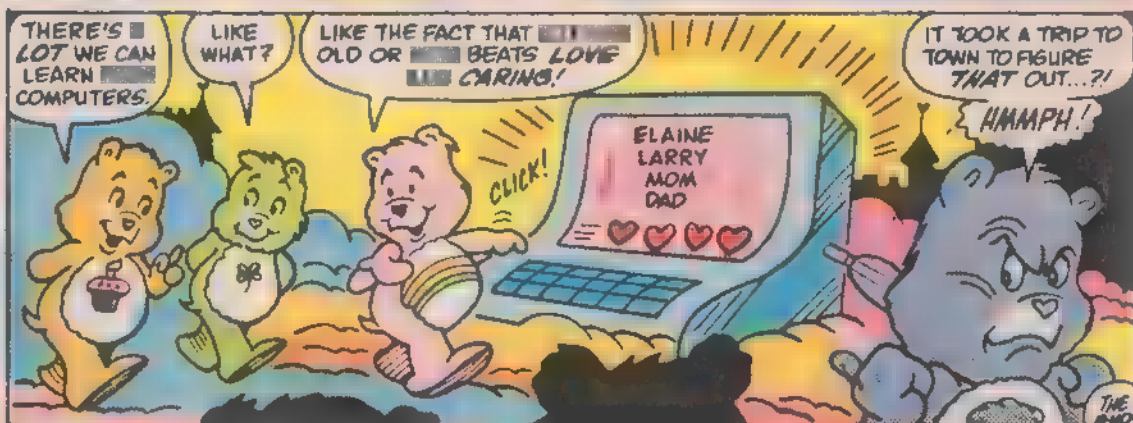
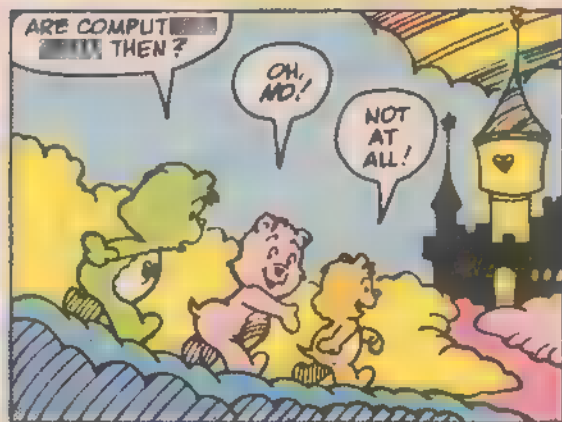
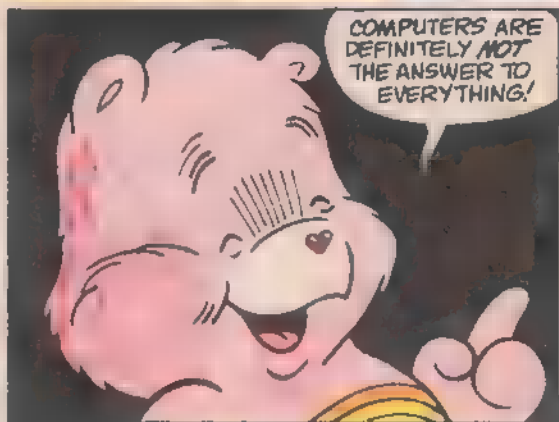
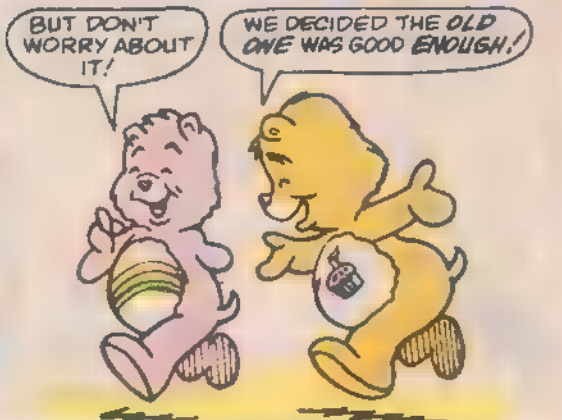
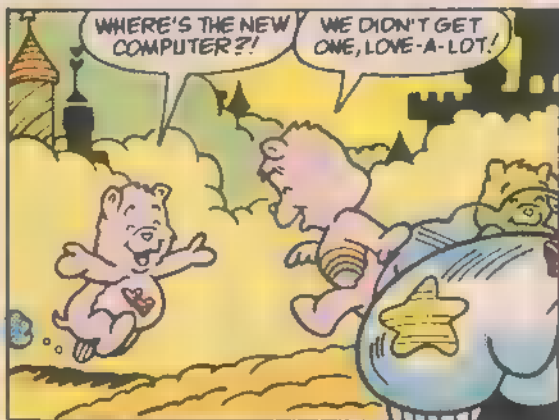
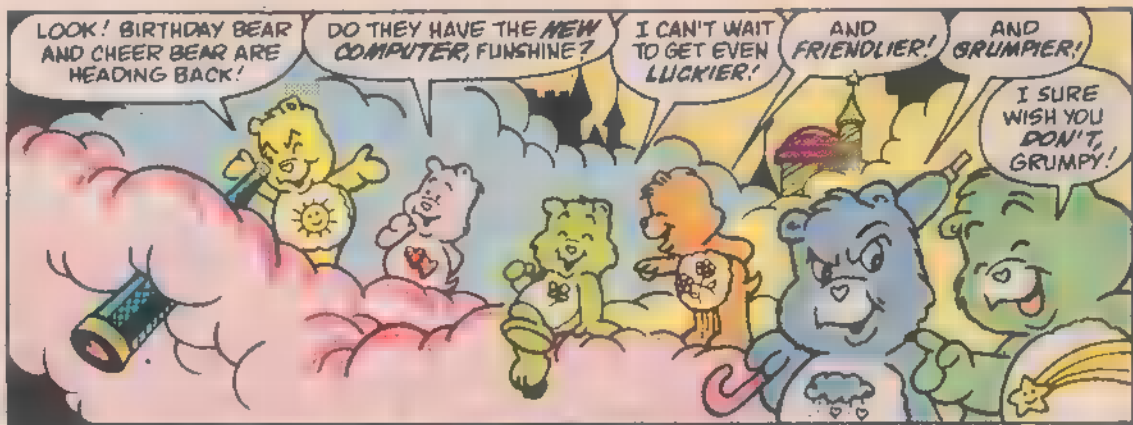
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# Bear Facts

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Hello CARE BEARS,

My name is Jane and I am 6 years old. I like CARE BEARS very much. I like you, Noble Heart Horse and Grumpy Bear! Can you please write to me? You live on a very nice cloud.

My brother helped me write this.

Jane Isaksson  
Brisbane, Queensland  
Australia

You'll be glad to know, Jane, that the CARE BEARS like you very much, too! But the Bears rarely send letters, since there are no mail boxes in Care-A-Lot. Instead, the Bears prefer to send Care Bear Love directly to all parts of the world whenever and wherever it's needed—it's much quicker! (Judging by how your brother helped you with this letter, we'll bet some of that special caring has fallen into your life already!)

Dear S.T.A.R.,

I turned 20 in April, and I love CARE BEARS almost as much as I love horses—and that's saying a lot! My favorite CARE BEAR is CHEER BEAR, because of his rainbow symbol. My favorite Cousin is GENTLE HEART LAMB, because he is so cuddly and gentle, as well as trusting.

I can honestly say that I have seen both CARE BEAR movies. I thought the animation was quite good and the movie scores were both excellent. I have not procured the album yet, but I intend to.

About the comic books, I have one gripe with issue #6. My gripe is about the name of Billy Bangtail's horse. Any kid who owns horses or knows the various breeds knows Ol' Paint is not a Paint at all. An American Albino, perhaps, or maybe just another white horse. Please, guys, in the interest of horse lovers everywhere, when you use another horse in a CARE BEARS story, give it an appropriate name. (By the way, you drew Billy's horse very well!)

As for story ideas, how about using handicapped kids once? They can teach able-bodied kids a lot. Give it some thought, folks.

Kim Snyder  
Clifton Springs, NY

Good suggestion, Kim. There's nothing in the works right now, but we do

know that handicapped kids can be an adventurous lot. Sooo, keep your eyes open, and perhaps we'll use your idea before long!

Now, about Ol' Paint... We do try to be accurate, but this mistake makes perfect sense, if you think about it. Billy Bangtail cared very little for others, and that included animals, too! No wonder he called his horse by a name that didn't make sense!

Dear S.T.A.R.,

My favorite characters are the CARE BEARS, because the book has colorful pictures and exciting adventures—like the one about the CARE BEARS and the Story Star (issue #5).

Well, have a nice day. Bye!

Jill Trahan  
La Place, LA

All good points, JIM... and we certainly won't argue! (By the way, have you ever thought about a career in advertising?)

Dear S.T.A.R.,

Hi, I'm Suzi! My favorite CARE BEAR is GRUMPY, because he is funny and grumpy. He's always saying, "It will probably rain!" My favorite story is CARE BEARS #7, when GRUMPY makes Sad Solly into Jolly Solly. I think he's cute!

Suzi E.  
Tewksbury, MA

P.S. Frankly, it'll probably rain!

Hi, Suzi! Now that we know your favorite Bear, can we try to guess your favorite saying? Or does it just rain a lot in Tewksbury? Or maybe, just maybe, you've discovered Grumpy Bear's secret: a little bit of rain makes us appreciate sunshine even more—not to mention keeping umbrella salesmen in business!

Dear STAR Comics,

My name is Shelley. I love CARE BEARS—all of them are my favorites!

Sometimes I pretend my mommie is Love-A-Lot and Tenderheart is my dada. My grandpa is Sunshine, my Nanny is Grams, and my Poppy is Friend Bear. My brothers

are Baby Tugs and Bedtime. I'm Baby Hugs Bear!

I collect every CARE BEAR and Cousin I can find. I have 62 plastic CARE BEARS and eight stuffed ones, so you can see I love to love CARE BEARS and CARE BEAR COUSINS.

Please tell the CARE BEARS I would like to visit Care-A-Lot. I wish they would come to play with me!

Shelley Blanchard  
Bandon, OR

We see! We see! But why visit Care-A-Lot? It sounds like you've got bits of Care-A-Lot around you already! We wonder about you as Baby Hugs Bear, though—with your imagination, maybe you should be Wish Bear!

In any case, you are certainly following in the tradition of your favorite friends: you dare to care! Makes life more bearable, don't you think?

Dear CARE BEARS,

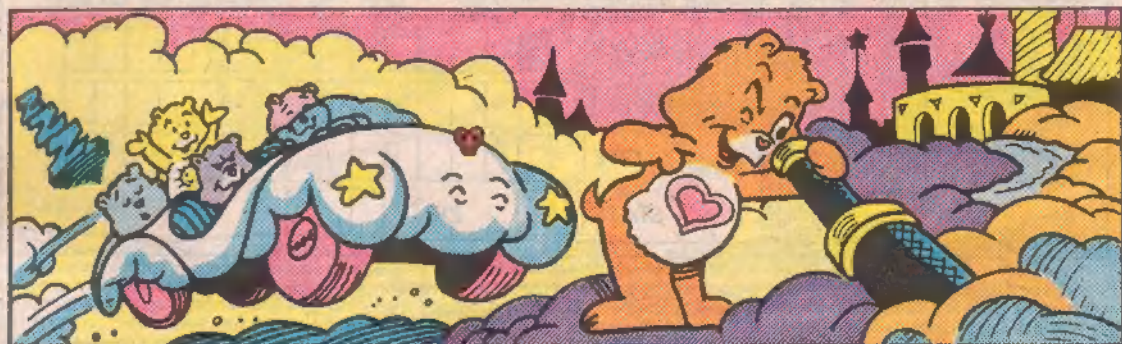
I like Grumpy because he reminds me of my brother, David.

The CARE BEARS comic books are my favorites!

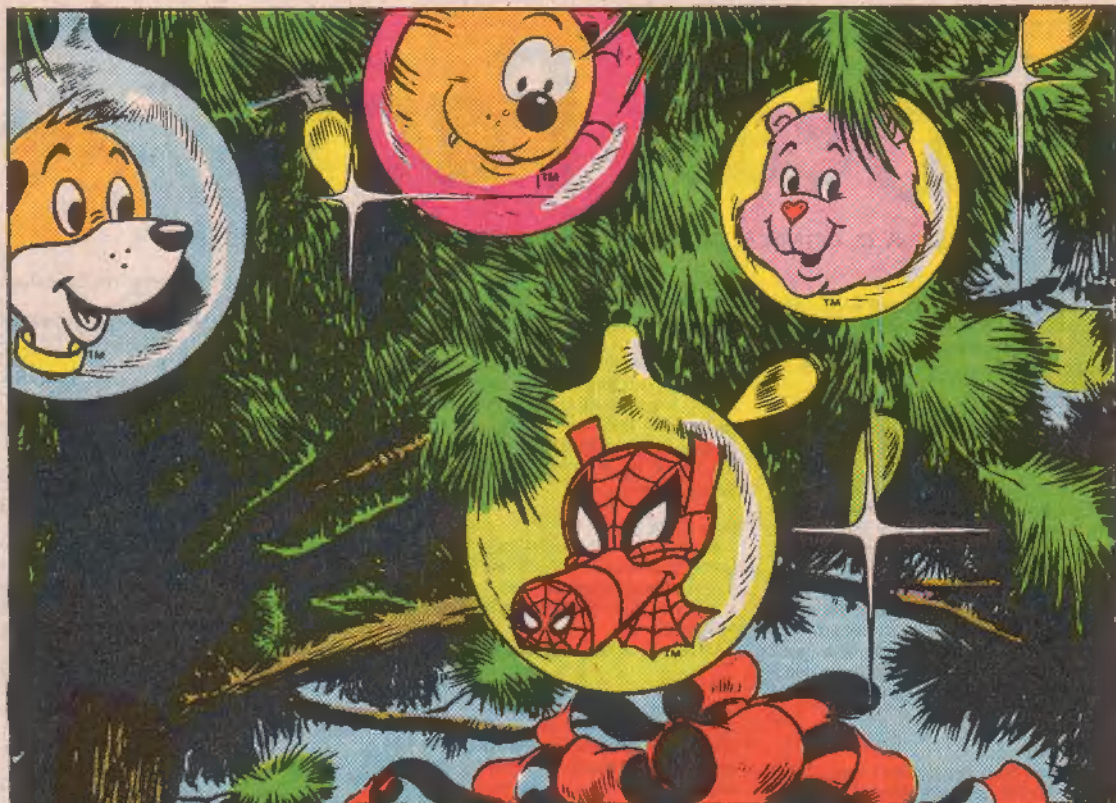
Amy Worst  
Andover, MN

So Grumpy's your favorite, eh? He definitely has a special way of caring... and it's always combined with a loud "Hrrmmmmph!" But here's a hint: to get on your brother's good side, try a big bear hug—Bears (and brothers) can't resist!

So, folks, it looks like Grumpy Bear leads the race for our favorite CARE BEAR! We made a recent trip to congratulate him, and mentioned how many of you had asked to visit Care-A-Lot. Grumpy pointed out that the top of a cloud really isn't the best place to be. You think you're protected from rain by being on the top of the cloud? Instead of a soaked head, you get soggy feet! We tried to argue, but Grumpy couldn't hear. He was too busy opening his umbrella, and saying (you guessed it!)... "IT'LL PROBABLY RAIN!!!"







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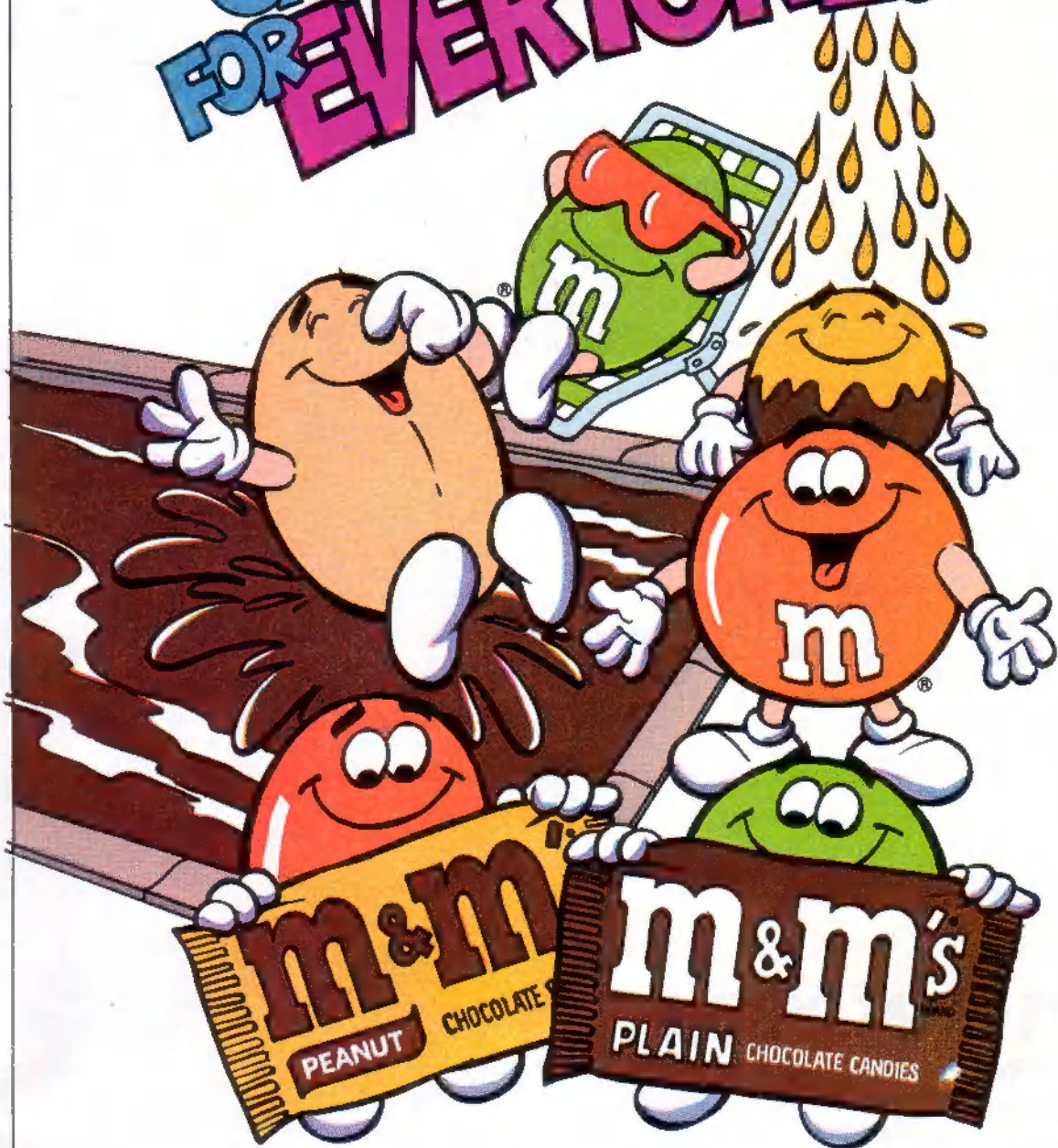
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